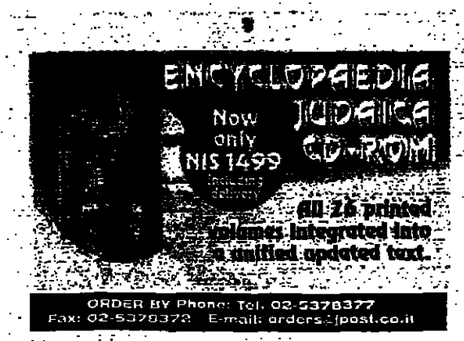


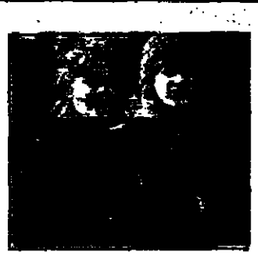
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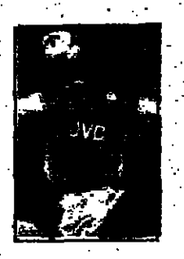


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Senate reaches compromise on impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – US Senate Republican leader Trent Lott vowed yesterday that President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial will be conducted with "decency and decorum," as other senators voiced hope of avoiding partisan rancor over calling witnesses.

Senate Republicans and Democrats reached a truce on Friday that will allow the impeachment trial to proceed without first settling a bitter dispute over whether witnesses, including ex-White House intern Monica Lewinsky, should be summoned to testify.

Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives for perjury and obstruction of justice in his attempts to cover up his sexual relations with Lewinsky. The 100-member Senate sits as the jury in the trial and decides whether Clinton should be removed from office.

"Throughout this process we will insist on the high standards of decency and decorum – not only in the Senate chamber itself but in and around the Capitol," Lott declared in the weekly Republican radio address to the nation.

"Believe me, to sit in judgment here is to fill a responsibility far heavier than any other political concern," he said.

Mindful of the political atmosphere that has dominated the process thus far, the Senate hopes to avoid the bickering that dominated the process in the House before its vote last month.

Under the plan, the formal trial does not resume until Thursday. The White House has until tomorrow to respond to the formal summons Clinton was served by the Senate and to file motions.

The House, which serves as the prosecution, has time to react to the White House and file its own motions.

The compromise, reached after all 100 members of the Senate met behind closed doors to search for options, is likely to delay for about two weeks a showdown over whether witnesses should be called to testify – since efforts to dismiss the case are considered unlikely to succeed at this point.

Clinton receives formal summons, Page 4

The House prosecution team has insisted it be allowed to bring witnesses, including Lewinsky, presidential secretary Betty Currie and Vernon Jordan, Clinton's friend who tried to find a job for Lewinsky in the private sector.

The White House has been compiling its own list of potential witnesses – including Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel whose report to the House served as its basis for impeachment.

"There's always a possibility of a disagreement at the end of the day, but it is an orderly way to begin," Sen. Joseph Biden, a Democrat from Delaware, said of a possible dispute over witnesses.

"We felt very strongly... that we could not end up looking like the House or the White House, that it was very important that we start off in a bipartisan way," he said on the NBC *Today* program.



US President Bill Clinton

Sen. Slade Gordon, a Washington Republican and a leader in efforts to find a compromise, said on the same program that "the question of witnesses is one that the House of Representatives, the prosecutors, felt very strongly about. They wanted at least the opportunity to tell the Senate that they needed witnesses, who they were and what they were going to say.

"They'll have that opportunity, but I think... by the time we get to that portion of the trial I suspect the number of witnesses they'll ask for will be diminished," Gordon said, adding he hoped it would "avoid a partisan debate."

Tutu: No forgiveness without truth

By DANNA HARMAN

Asked last night to suggest how Israelis and Palestinians might succeed in achieving understanding and forgiveness, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the chairman of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, replied that "nursing a grudge is bad for your health."

Speaking at Jerusalem's Yakar Center for Social Concern, Tutu said that both sides need to deal with the question of forgiveness. But, he added, "in South Africa we always got very annoyed by people who came from outside and told us how to take care of our affairs."

Flanked by Rabbi Mickey Rosen and former South African journalist Benjamin Pogrund, Tutu told the rapt audience: "At home, we were fortunate to be able to walk arm in arm with both Jewish rabbis and Moslem imams against a system buttressed largely by fellow Christians... We walked forward to our truth."

The spirited clergyman talked about the importance of bringing out the truth of the apartheid years, however painful it might be, in order to move forward with the process of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Tutu further thanked the international community for their "support, love, and prayers," that helped and continue to help South Africa on its road to healing itself.

"You can never have reconciliation without truth, and you have to risk telling the truth before you can ask for forgiveness and get on with the business of repentance," said Tutu, who emphasized the therapeutic importance of letting people tell their stories.

The Yakar Center, run by Pogrund, a former deputy editor of the *Rand Daily Mail* in Johannesburg, who pioneered the reporting of black South African politics, holds regular discussions and debates with the aim of bridging gaps between secular and religious, and Israelis and Palestinians.

Tutu, for whom this is his second visit to Israel, is here to attend the Peres Center for Peace's board of governors meeting.



Members of the Concerned Christians cult are driven Friday night to Ben-Gurion Airport, where they were deported to the US. (Brian Hendler)

Doomsday cult members deported

By AMY KLEIN

Less than a week after they were detained on suspicion of planning an attack in Jerusalem's Old City, 14 members of the Concerned Christians doomsday cult were deported back to their Denver base via Toronto over the weekend.

Despite their wishes to fly to Greece, where many other Concerned Christians reside, they were sent back to their country of origin, in accordance with international conventions.

The 14 had arrived in Israel in the fall.

The group was brought to Ben-Gurion Airport at 9:15 p.m. Friday night and boarded an Air Canada flight to Toronto at 1:30 a.m. yesterday morning. According to The Associated Press, the group landed in Toronto yesterday and was expected to catch a connecting flight to Denver.

The Concerned Christians are being accompanied to Denver by three Israel Police officers.

Before being taken to the airport, group members were allowed to collect personal effects from their rented homes in Mevasseret Zion and Motza, Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

Last Sunday evening, a special task force comprising police, General Security Service, and Mossad officers detained the 14 Concerned Christians on suspicion they were planning an attack in Jerusalem's Old City, possibly the Temple Mount.

Security forces believed the group planned the attack to help bring about the second coming of Jesus.

Seventy-eight Concerned Christians disappeared from Denver and other cities last October. Their leader, 44-year-old Monte Kim Miller, is in London, British intelligence officials have confirmed.

Miller reportedly said he plans to die in Jerusalem at the end of December 1999 and will be resurrected here three days later.

The morning after the raid, the Interior Ministry issued deportation orders for 11 Concerned Christians – three women, two men, and six children. They also arrested three men – John Bayles, Eric Malesic, and Terry Smith – to further investigate the planned violent activities.

The three had denied to Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court that they planned to cause violence to themselves or others. On Wednesday, police decided against pressing charges.

"It is not in the public interest to spend the time and money to try these men in Israel," Ben-Ruby had said.

The Interior Ministry then issued deportation orders for Bayles, Smith, and Malesic, who were brought to Jerusalem's Russian Compound lockup, where the other men were being held.

The group did not try to fight the deportation. The three men told their lawyer, Eran Avital, they were "disappointed" they had to leave, but added, "we don't want to be somewhere we're not wanted."

No member of the group will be allowed back into the country, said Ben-Ruby.

Livnat to stick with Likud

Mordechai undecided

By SARAH HONIG

Communications Minister Limor Livnat has apparently decided and will announce this week that she is remaining in the party, Likud sources said yesterday.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai declared in two weekend political meetings, however, that he still has not decided about his political future.

Although Livnat was invited to join MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin's new Herut Party, she had declined to do so. She has also considered joining Meridor in a centrist venture, but will not join Shahak, with whom Meridor is likely to team up.

The falling fortunes of the centrist configurations in the polls also does not make the option as alluring as it might have appeared in recent weeks.

The talk in the Likud now is that she will make her announcement after tomorrow, the deadline for submitting candidates to the Likud's leadership race. So far only Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and MK Uzi Landau are in the running.

Mordechai, on the other hand, puzzled the entire political arena with two curious appearances on Friday that no one in his party could quite account for. He first went to Beit Shemesh to meet with an audience described as his supporters from within the Likud, then attended another meeting of Likud mayors, many of whom also professed to be his supporters.

Mordechai is a relative newcomer to the party, joining it on the eve of the 1996 elections. He is not ideologically tied to the party's credo and does not have an identifiable camp or faction within the party.

Mordechai told both groupings that he had not yet made up his mind. "The issues are weighty and I have not fully deliberated them all to my satisfaction," Mordechai told his Likud audience in Beit Shemesh. "When I reach a conclusion I promise to report to you what I have decided and I also promise to account in detail for my decision and for what made me reach it."



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Most of the mayors he later met urged him to stay in the Likud, but some – most notably Ramat Gan Mayor Zvi Bar – said they would follow him wherever he would goes.

This aroused interest in the Likud, because Bar is known to be very close to Mordechai, and the speculation was that he may know that Mordechai has decided not to stay in the party.

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Police probe threats against Shahak

By HEIDI J. GLEIT and Hm

Tel Aviv police are continuing their investigation into threats against Amnon Lipkin-Shahak on Thursday, when he visited the market in the city's Hatikva neighborhood as part of his campaign for the premiership.

Police are questioning eyewitnesses to the visit, throughout which a hostile crowd booed and jeered Shahak. Someone in the crowd allegedly threatened Shahak's life with the words, "The next bullet is for Amnon Shahak's head."

A police spokeswoman said last night that police had questioned about 15 eyewitnesses, but only one – a member of Shahak's entourage – said he had heard the threat.

Following Shahak's visit, about which police had not been informed beforehand, Police Inspector-General Yehuda Wilk announced that police will meet with all the candidates for prime minister and work with them and their staffs to ensure the safety of the candidates.

Meanwhile, a man who was arrested in Petah Tikva over the weekend for making threats against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has been released. Police decided against requesting his remand and instead recommended he undergo psychiatric evaluation.

The Likud denounced the manifestations of violence against both Shahak and Netanyahu.

Liat Collins adds:

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday called for the level of political violence – both verbal and physical – to be toned down. Noting with concern the level of abuse at the start of the election campaign, Tichon said: "If we carry on like this, who knows what might happen in the future? All attempts at unrestrained attacks must be condemned."

Edward Said tells 'NY Times': Palestinian statehood unworkable

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Palestinian self-determination in a separate state is "unworkable," says Edward Said, leading Palestinian intellectual and professor at Columbia University, calling for a democratic "one-state" solution in which Israelis and Palestinians would each have equal rights as citizens.

"This does not mean a diminishing of Jewish life as Jewish life or a surrendering of Palestinian Arab aspirations and political existence," Said wrote in an essay in today's *New York Times Magazine*. "But it does mean being willing to soften, lessen, and finally give up special status for one people at the expense of the other.

"Palestine is and always has been a land of many histories: it is a radical simplification to think of it as principally or exclusively Jewish or Arab," wrote Said, a professor of literature who is a major critic of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Said has opposed the Oslo Accords, maintaining that the Palestinians conceded too much and gained too little. He also accuses the PA of being corrupt.

Said has assailed Arafat, contending that "backed by Washington, [Arafat] is daily more repressive."

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Shabbat manhunt for observant officer

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A young IDF officer who feared he would violate Shabbat stayed with friends in Jerusalem over the weekend, but failed to notify his original hosts, sparking a large manhunt by the army and Israel Police.

The army said the officer was hitchhiking in Judea and Samaria, reportedly toward the settlement of Eli, and decided he would not make it before sunset. He stayed instead with friends in Jerusalem's Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood, turning off his cellular phone. It was only after Shabbat was over that he was located and the search was called off.

The IDF issued a statement last night stressing to its troops the importance of sticking to regulations regarding hitchhiking.

A senior IDF commander warned last week that Islamic terrorists in the West Bank are very keen on trying to kidnap an Israeli soldier, a factor which certainly heightened the apprehension by the IDF over the missing officer.

NEWS
in brief

Local authority workers to strike today

Some 80,000 of the 100,000 local authority workers were to start a one-day warning strike at midnight last night to protest the non-payment of salaries in dozens of localities.

Local authority offices will not receive the public, nor will planning and welfare offices be open. Garbage won't be collected or parking tickets written. Kindergarten and nursery school assistants will not be working. Leaders of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel (ULAI) said they are demanding a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, at which they expect him to explain how the government plans to relieve the local authorities' budget crises. If the meeting does not take place and solutions are not found, all local authority employees will be placed on unpaid leave on February 1 until the crisis is resolved, ULAI said. *Itim*

4 killed in weekend road accidents

A bus overturned onto a car at the Movil junction in lower Galilee last night, killing a 4-year-old girl riding in the automobile in addition to the car's driver and a woman passenger. Twenty bus passengers, most of them Tiberias city employees, sustained light to moderate injuries. The bus apparently skidded on a wet road at a turn near the junction. The injured were taken to Poriya Hospital and to Afula Hospital. Ela Picado, 24, of Ashdod, died last night of injuries she sustained on Friday in a road accident at the Re'em junction. *Itim*

Sharon-Moussa meeting in doubt

Sources in Egypt said that Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who is coming to Israel tomorrow to participate in the Peres Peace Center board of governors meeting, does not want to meet with Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, because of the freeze in the implementation of the Wye accord. Sharon's office, however, issued a statement saying that, first, there is no freeze in the process, and second, Moussa had asked for the meeting. Now, sources in Egypt deny any meeting had been requested and said that, as Moussa will be in the country only for a few hours, he would meet with Sharon only if there is time. The Foreign Ministry said yesterday the two will meet as planned tomorrow in Tel Aviv. *Danna Harman*

Police trying to identify body of haredi man

Police in Safed are trying to locate relatives of a haredi man, whose body was found Friday under a cliff in Nahal Amud.

The body was brought to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir. A description of the young man has been distributed to police stations throughout the country, since there has been no report of a haredi man missing. "It's possible that this is a young man from the center of the country who went on a hike in the Safed area," Safed police commander Ch.-Supt. Tapash Samih said. "I would advise any parent whose son is learning in a yeshiva in the Safed area to try to contact him, and for all yeshiva heads to check if a student matching this man's description is missing." *Itim*

Moroccan envoy cancels memorial appearance

Moroccan information and film chief Suheil Ben Barka has cancelled his participation in Thursday's memorial ceremony for those lost on the illegal immigrant ship *Pisces*. Ben Barka said his government had withheld permission for him to attend the annual ceremony at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl. He was also due to attend the premiere of a TV series on the ship. Forty-four persons died when the *Pisces*, renamed the *Egoz*, sank off the coast of Morocco in January 1961 carrying Jews seeking to escape to Israel. Twenty-two of the bodies have since been recovered and reburied on Mt. Herzl. *Itim*

2 human skulls found in TA apartment

Police found two human skulls in a closet in a Tel Aviv apartment on Friday morning. The skulls, which were wrapped in a newspaper from 1973, were sent to a forensic institute for analysis. *Heidi J. Gleit*

Barak rejects 'open' primaries

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak has decided on a middle road with regard to party primaries: He will not oppose primaries for Knesset candidates but will reject the idea of "open primaries," in which not only party members are eligible to vote.

The mid-February primaries will be thus be the third that Labor will hold under the "closed primary" system. It is the only party that is conducting a primary to choose its Knesset list.

Barak yesterday announced his decision when he met with MKs Yossi Beilin, Haim Ramon and Shlomo Ben-Ami, in Beilin's Tel Aviv home.

The meeting sent shock waves through Labor, though officially its agenda was limited to the primaries. The fact that Barak took up the subject with the three was seen by Labor insiders as an indication that they constitute the team to be reckoned with in the party.

Should Barak win the elections, there would likely be a limited number of portfolios even for the party in power because of the downsizing of the large parties under the new electoral system. This has made the race for primacy in both large parties fierce.

Thus, it was noted last night that such Labor luminaries as Uzi Baram, Avraham Shohat, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Ephraim Sneh were not present at the meeting in Beilin's home.

Two of those not invited, however, need not worry: Dalia Itzik, who is in line for a portfolio for gender considerations and Shimon Peres, who will get one to keep internal party peace.

At the meeting, Ramon kept pressing for open primaries. These would allow all Israelis of voting age to participate in choosing the Labor list. Ramon is sure this would help him against the Labor Party machine which, he continues to maintain, is inimical to his interests.

Ramon has been demanding open primaries since 1992, but the demand was rejected both by the late Yitzhak Rabin and Peres.

Barak yesterday joined them. He made no bones about his reservations regarding the cumbersome primaries in which hundreds of candidates will vie for a decreasing number of safe slots on the party list.

Even the winners would be further pushed down on the list because of slots reserved for various sectors and for groups with which deals will be made, like David Levy and his Gesher MKs.

Barak noted that all other parties had dropped primary elections for the Knesset list while continuing to conduct one for party leader.

However, to prevent an internecine party battle over the issue, he will not fight the primaries, he said.

The primaries will most likely be held on February 15. The final confirmation of the decision, which was already approved by the Labor political bureau and central committee, will come on Thursday at a special sitting of the party convention.

Barak also announced that former Mossad chief Danny Yatom is joining his campaign headquarters.

Yatom, who had been appointed by Rabin, resigned last year, after the release of the Chiechanover Commitee report on the botched assassination attempt against Khaled Mashaal in Jordan and the arrest of a Mossad operative in Switzerland.

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Otherwise, say party pundits, it would be more reasonable for Bar to ask Mordechai to stay in the Likud.

However, there is no clear-cut assessment in the party as to where Mordechai may be heading. One body of opinion argues that the very fact he decided to appear in front of two Likud audiences indicates that the Likud continues to be a factor in his calculations and he thus is staying in the party.

Others, however, say the fact that he continues to agonize in public about his indecision is hardly a vote of confidence in the Likud and leader Binyamin Netanyahu.

From the emerging centrist party came news yesterday that Mordechai had put out feelers about joining the party, but his major objection was the expectation that he would be relegated to a No. 2 or a No. 3 slot after Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and/or Dan Meridor.

Mordechai, according to these reports, argued that he should be placed above Shahak, especially as he outranked him in his role as defense minister.

Shahak, it was said, agreed that Mordechai would be included in the consideration for the No. 1 slot, which he wants determined soon by a public opinion poll.

Meridor vehemently refused to accept any such arrangement.

According to another report, Mordechai and Netanyahu held a meeting a few days ago during which Mordechai walked out as soon as the defense issues were finished and the subject switched to politics. Mordechai, however, is in no rush and will probably say nothing until the end of the month, a source said.



Greeting his guests
Labor MK Shimon Peres greets former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger in Tel Aviv yesterday. Kissinger is one of several international figures here for the board of governors meeting of the Peres Center for Peace. (Gideon Markowicz)

Polish president arrives for 3-day visit

Polish President Aleksander Kwasnieswski arrived here yesterday for a three-day official visit. This is only the second visit by a Polish head of state, after Lech Walesa came to Israel in 1991. Kwasnieswski is to meet with Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon and other top officials. Issues to be discussed include unsolved property questions, a weapons deal which did not materialize and the dispute regarding the crosses at Auschwitz. *Danna Harman*

Jacob Alkow, US Zionist leader, dies at 96

With the death last week of Jacob Alkow at the age of 96, the American Zionist movement has lost one of its most colorful figures.

An expert in Chinese art, he was located in Los Angeles during World War II and participated actively in the struggle for the creation of Israel. Fighting at the side of Dr. Abba-Hillel Silver, he saw his dream become reality.

After the creation of Israel, he participated in the state's economic development. After the resignation of Henry Montor as the creative force of the Development Corporation for Israel and his failure in establishing a viable stock exchange, Alkow took it over.

Settling in Israel, he became the director of ZOA House. It was his initiative and his original programming that laid the foundation for the thriving cultural center it has become.

He understood that the link between Israel and American Jewry is essential to ensure political and economic support for the state from the government and people of the US.

He belonged to the generation that had the vision and the courage to fight for Jewish independence after the horrors of the Holocaust. *Jacques Torczyner*

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Said called for a peace that was a result of "reconciliation," in which citizenship with equal rights and responsibilities, rather than racial or ethnic identity, was the "main vehicle for coexistence."

Said suggested that this would appeal to Israelis who are dissatisfied with land confiscations, the demolition of houses and "the religious parties' increasing hold on Israeli life and Oslo's unfairness and frustrations." There is, he said, "a healthy willingness to look elsewhere for peace than in land-grabbing and suicide bombs."

Palestinians of his children's generation, Said wrote, "are skeptical of their elders and look more unconventionally toward the future, beyond conflict and unending loss."

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ELECTION TIMETABLE

Jan. 10.1999		Opening of the Voter's Roll for inspection at World Likud Secretariat.
Jan. 24.1999	17h00	Final date for appeals re: inclusion/exclusion from Voter's Roll.
Jan. 31.1999	17h00	Final date for Candidates' Declarations.
	18h00	Announcement of the List of Candidates.
Feb. 7.1999	17h00	Final date for appeals re: inclusion/exclusion from List of Candidates.
Mar. 8.1999	12h00	Final date for receipt of Ballots from delegates living abroad.
	15h00 until 20h00	ELECTION DAY IN ISRAEL AT JABOTINSKY HOUSE.
Mar. 17.1999		Final Date for appeals against election results.

(a) The Commission reserves the right to amend the timetable, voters will be informed of any change.

(b) Any member of Likud on January 9th may present his/her candidacy, with attached fee of NIS 1500.

(c) Inspection of Voters' Roll, Candidates' Declarations & all lodging of appeals will be at World Likud office in Tel-Aviv.

(d) For further clarification and details: Please contact Mr. Michael Adari, Secretary-General of World Likud.
Tel: 03-5286016 Fax: 03-5282901 from 09h00 until 14h00 daily.

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On Tuesday, January 12, 1999, we will meet at 3 p.m. at the Har Tamir section of the Har Hamenuchot Cemetery for the unveiling. An evening of learning will take place, following Mincha at 4:15 p.m. at the Sha'arei Rahamim Ve'simcha Synagogue on Rehov Hechayal, Tzameret Habira, French Hill, Jerusalem.

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BENZION (Bennie) OLSFANGER

Died peacefully and with dignity after a short illness on Friday, 8 January, 1999 (20 Tevet 5759).

He will forever be remembered with pride and everlasting love by his children **David** & **Shirley Olsfanger, Norman Olsfanger, Sharon** & **David Klaff,** grandchildren, and great granddaughter.

Funeral at 12 noon on Sunday, 10 January, 1999 at Kfar Nahman, Ra'anana.

Shiva: Olsfanger residence, 2 Hamachtesh, Kochav Yair. Prayers at 6 p.m.

"GREEN LIGHT" FOR TERROR

The recent shootings in Jewish Hebron are a mere forerunner of what will happen tomorrow in Tel Aviv and elsewhere!

We will not be intimidated! Let us join together now and put an end to these ugly and unacceptable Arab tactics. Of course, we will demand better protection from our police and army. But, we wish also to declare that Israel can no longer accept Arab double talk and inaction. Arab terrorists are permitted by Arafat to operate freely from within Palestine Authority areas; neither Arafat, nor anyone else in the PA, has made any serious effort to root them out. Moreover, instead of ostracizing them, and condemning their murderous acts, they praise and esteem these terrorists as heroes, and laud them as examples of Arab self sacrafice.

Men, women and children will march together along the route of the latest attempt to murder Jewish women who worked in a Hebron nursery. We will walk from Kiryat Arba to the nearby Beit Hadassah in Hebron (with our Jewish army's protection). The walk takes about 15 minutes.

The date of the March is
Monday, January 11,1999, starting at **10 a.m.**
from the gate near the gas station in Kiryat Arba.
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Hizbullah shells IDF outposts

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Retaliating for the demolition of 14 houses in south Lebanon, Hizbullah guerrillas unleashed massive mortar and rocket barrages throughout Friday at IDF outposts, killing a Lebanese shepherd and wounding two other civilians.

There were no Israeli casualties, the IDF said.

A number of the mortar shells also fell in the western Galilee, near Shomera and Mt. Amiram, and in two villages in the security zone around noon on Friday. There was no damage from the hits in Israel, but the army said that a Katyusha rocket and the mortar shells that hit the south Lebanon villages of Ramiya and Houla damaged a number of structures.

Israel filed three complaints over the weekend aggression with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group, which is to convene tomorrow. Brig.-Gen. Dan Arditti, who is the Israeli representative to the monitoring group, will bring a total of five complaints to the committee. Lebanon has filed three of its own.

In a related development, Lebanese security officials said that SLA troops expelled 25 people Thursday from a south Lebanon village where a militia officer was shot dead two weeks ago.

The inhabitants of Shibaa, about 15 kilometers east of Marjayoun, were sent out of the security zone. The 25 include 16 children, 6 women and three men, a Hizbullah statement said.

The IDF had no comment on the expulsions.

Reports from Lebanon said that three Katyusha rockets were fired, along with the large 120-mm. mortars, in a pre-dawn attack on Friday. One of the rockets hit a house in the village of Markaba, killing 60-year-old Mohammed Atewi and wounding two others, AP quoted Lebanese security sources as saying.

But the IDF said the man died after he was seriously wounded by a mortar round while grazing his flock in a field. The man was evacuated to a hospital in southern Lebanon, but he died of his wounds, the army said.

The army said Hizbullah guerrillas fired mortar, recoilless rifles and heavy machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades at SLA and IDF positions throughout the day Friday. No SLA or IDF troops were hurt, the IDF said.

Israeli military sources said that the Hizbullah reaction to the house demolitions would be limited to Friday's shelling and that they do not expect the tensions in south Lebanon to intensify.

In Beirut, Hizbullah announced that its Lebanese Resistance Brigades squads attacked Israeli outposts in Barasheet, Al-Kobaa, Haddatha, and Sojod, Lebanon's official National News Agency reported. Hizbullah claimed it caused damage to the outposts, but did not say there were any casualties.

Hizbullah official Sheikh Nabil Kawook accused Israel of punishing the local population for Hizbullah attacks. He said the bombings were in retaliation for "repeated Israeli attacks against innocent civilians."

"The Israeli criminal escalation is an expression of maximum grudge and hatred," he said in a statement. "It is clear that these aggressions will not save the enemy from the quagmire, but they show that this enemy is ready to risk its civilians' security for electoral ends," Kawook said.

He added that Hizbullah was obligated to protect is people and accused the Israeli leadership of attempting to "harvest electoral gains" by destroying houses and deporting people.

He warned that Hizbullah would not refrain from striking at Israeli civilians if further Israeli-sponsored actions were taken against Lebanese civilians.

On Thursday, SLA militiamen, reportedly supervised by Israeli soldiers, bulldozed 14 houses in the village of Arnoun near the IDF position near the Beaufort Castle. The army said the houses were uninhabited and had been used by Hizbullah to lay bombs and stage attacks against IDF and SLA troops.

A Hizbullah statement said that SLA forces were blockading the village of Shibaa, preventing 25 residents who were expelled on Thursday from returning.

Reports from Lebanon said that two relatives of those expelled are suspected of killing the commander of an SLA intelligence unit last month. Those men have been captured and imprisoned by the SLA.

US officials oppose Pollard release

Clinton to receive clemency recommendations tomorrow

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – American intelligence, defense and law enforcement officials, due to issue their recommendations to US President Bill Clinton tomorrow, remain adamantly opposed to releasing Jonathan Pollard, news agencies reported at week's end.

Clinton sought the recommendations after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asked the White House, during the Wye River talks, for clemency for Pollard, who is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

At that time, CIA Director George Tenet immediately threatened to resign if Clinton frees Pollard.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and Harvard University law professor Alan Dershowitz are preparing a letter to the White House asking for a meeting to state the case for releasing Pollard on humanitarian grounds, Reuters reported.

WJC director Elan Steinberg told Reuters that "consensus has emerged in the organized Jewish community of absolute condemnation of Pollard's crimes while asking for his release on strictly humanitarian grounds following more than a dozen years of imprisonment."

Grass-roots advocates, some Jewish groups and numerous religious leaders, citing different reasons, have campaigned for Pollard's release.

However, there is no obvious consensus that he should be released, and the case still makes many American Jews squeamish.

Some of Pollard's fervent supporters also have chafed at the longtime public silence on Pollard by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

A handful of Israeli officials recently have visited Pollard in the maximum-security prison in Butner, North Carolina.

Clinton, who last reviewed the case in 1996, has not indicated when his decision will be made.

The top Republican and Democratic members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Richard Shelby of Alabama and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, also oppose clemency, and said they would ask other senators to sign a letter to Clinton demanding that Pollard, a former US Navy analyst, remain in prison for life.

Ross criticizes Israel's position on Wye

By DANNA HARMAN

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon and US special Mideast envoy Dennis Ross met for over three hours Friday in New York to discuss the delays in the Wye accord implementation, the possibility of moving forward on the Syrian track, and bilateral relations.

In the course of the meeting, Ross expressed dissatisfaction with the ongoing Israeli portrayal of the Palestinian Authority as the main impediment to the continuation of the Wye accord implementation, sources said.

As an example of this attitude towards the Palestinians, Ross reportedly brought up the article written by Ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval last week, which was published in *The Washington Post* and elicited a wave of criticism from the US administration. Shoval was present at yesterday's meeting.

Sharon, speaking to the press after the meeting with Ross, repeated the government's stand regarding the peace process: that a continuation of the Wye accord implementation is dependent on Palestinian fulfillment of the commitments undertaken.

"We have nothing to prove and no need to justify our position," Sharon said, adding that "Israel is the only country in the world to agree to the giving up of land – the rock of our existence – for peace."

Sharon, who is to return home today, may hold another meeting with Ross this week, as the latter will be in Israel to take part in the Peres Center's board of governors meetings.



Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon (right) meets in New York on Friday with US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross.

IDF reopens Gush Katif road

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF shut the Gush Katif coastal road on Friday after 100 settlers blocked a section near Netzarim to protest the IDF's decision to allow Palestinian traffic on the road. Last night the IDF reopened the road to both Israeli and Palestinian vehicular traffic, but kept it closed to Palestinian pedestrians.

Settlers say the decision to open the road last Wednesday not only raises security concerns, but fears that the road – which passes meters from the settlement's main hotel – may have an adverse affect on tourism.

The IDF Spokesman said Wednesday's decision to reopen the road to Palestinian traffic was taken after Palestinians agreed to undergo checks at an IDF roadblock.

On Friday afternoon OC Gaza Strip Brig.-Gen. Yoav Galant met with Jewish residents and asked them to obey the law and ensure that order prevailed. He explained that the reason the IDF had declared the area a closed military zone was to prevent clashes between Jewish protesters and Palestinians seeking to travel along the road.

In an unrelated incident, a border policeman and an officer were lightly wounded by stones thrown at them during clashes in Abu Dis, outside Jerusalem, on Friday, the IDF Spokesman said. Both were treated at the scene.

PA appeals to Israelis to curb settlements

By BEN LYNFIELD

Palestinian cabinet ministers, their eyes on the upcoming Israeli elections, issued a direct call to the Israeli public on Friday to halt settlement activity or face the possible destruction of the peace process.

"The Palestinian leadership wants to clarify to Israeli public opinion that what the extremist settlement groups are doing to distort the peace process will cause the severest danger to the future of peace and coexistence between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples," the cabinet said, in a statement issued after its weekly meeting.

The statement is in line with the strategy of the PA to stress settlements as the top issue in the conflict with Israel during the months ahead, which are seen as particularly difficult ones because of the freeze in the Wye agreement and Israel's focus on the campaign for May 17 elections.

"Real peace, full and permanent, requires the halting of settlement activities, the ending of Israeli occupation and the recognition of our Palestinian national rights, foremost the right to self-determination and establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," it added.

The statement warned that "extreme settler groups," if not curtailed, would cause "a blowing up of the negotiations on final status and a return to confrontation."

In a separate call to the international community, the ministers urged "real, practical and workable" pressure on Israel to halt what it termed "cancerous settlement activities" and to implement the Wye agreement, which calls for further Israeli redeployments in the West Bank.

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Clinton receives formal summons

Impeachment trial arguments begin this week

By DAVID ESPO

WASHINGTON (AP) – Challenged to avoid "the black pit" of partisanship, the US Senate on Friday unanimously sealed an elusive accord on rules for President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial.

Opening arguments were set for this week, with the possibility of witnesses still open.

After an unprecedented closed-door meeting in the ornate Old Senate Chamber – where great issues in American history once were thrashed out – lawmakers on Friday formally ratified the rules on a vote of 100-0. Chief Justice William Rehnquist presided over the brief, solemn session.

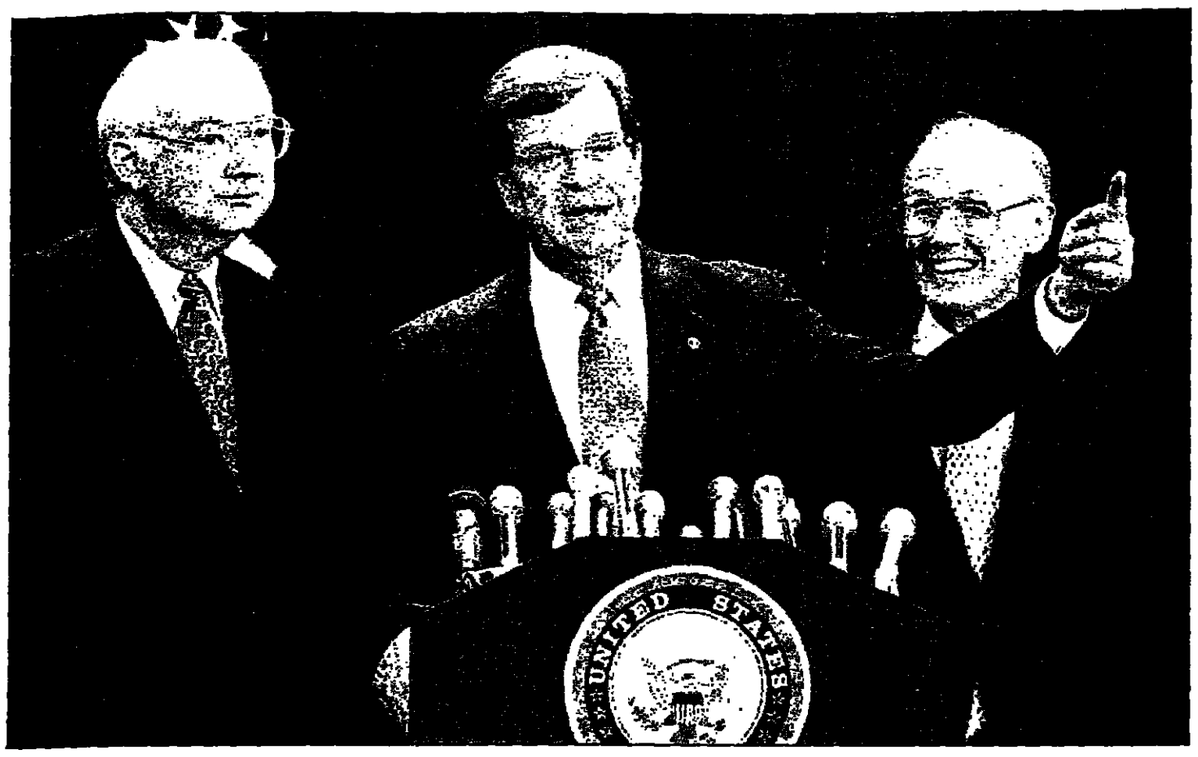
A formal summons was dispatched to the White House moments later, commanding Clinton to "abide by, obey, and perform such orders, directions and judgments" that the Senate dictates in the name of the Constitution. "Hereof you are not to fail," it concludes.

At the White House, spokesman Gregory Craig pledged a "vigorous, successful, and complete defense. ... We are optimistic that senators, once they see and hear this defense ... will conclude the articles do not justify or warrant conviction or removal from office."

The lead prosecutor, Republican House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde, said he is ready to present a "compelling case" and added he hopes the Senate would agree to his request for witnesses.

After the agreement was struck for ground rules, Sen. Joseph Biden said, "The idea that the Senate would degenerate into a pit bull ring ... was something we thought would reflect incredibly badly on this institution." Biden and other senators in both parties stressed a determination to shatter the precedent set in the House during last year's pitched impeachment battles.

Said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, "I think today we have acted in the very best tradition of the Senate, and it is an appropriate approach for this historic, very solemn event."



Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (Missouri) makes a point before Friday's vote, flanked by fellow Republicans Sen. Phil Gramm (left) of Texas and Sen. Slade Gorton of Washington. (Reuters)

Clinton stands accused of two articles of impeachment, perjury and obstruction of justice, in connection with his effort to conceal a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. He is only the second president in history to be subjected to a trial, after Andrew Johnson in 1868.

For the second straight day, Clinton maintained a business-as-usual demeanor, traveling to Detroit for an auto show and touting the current economic expansion, at 93 months the longest in peacetime in the nation's history.

"America is working again. It's working – not just the economy. The crime rate's the lowest in 25 years. A lot of our social problems are receding. It's working again," Clinton said.

The Senate was working, too, but on a subject Clinton would just as soon have disappear. Under the timetable approved, it will likely be the last week in January before presentations are concluded and the Senate takes its first substantive votes on Clinton's fate – deciding whether to adjourn the trial or proceed further with witnesses.

It takes a two-thirds vote to convict a president and remove him from office, but a simple majority is sufficient to adjourn the trial without a vote, or to call witnesses.

Lawmakers began their day in an extraordinary bipartisan caucus, a closed-door session of the Senate in everything but name. There, they thrashed out their differences, capping several days of behind-the-scenes struggle in which Republicans had sought room for witnesses in the schedule and Democrats objected.

The compromise left it up to the Senate to decide after hearing opening arguments and the presentation of evidence over the next few weeks. Either the House or the White House may then seek to have witnesses called, and the full Senate will make the decision on a case-by-case basis. Before that, though, the president's allies will have a chance to gain a vote to adjourn the trial.

In the end, according to lawmakers in both parties, senators peered into the abyss of ceaseless partisan struggle and opted for dignity instead. One lawmaker, Democrat Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, a 41-year veteran of the Senate and scholar of its history, appealed to his colleagues to think of "higher things."

"The White House has sullied itself," he said in remarks later released by his office. "The House has fallen into the black pit of partisan self-indulgence. The Senate is teetering on the brink of that same black pit." Meanwhile, pretrial preparations continued.

House Republican officials said consideration was being given to trying to have Kathleen Willey summoned as a witness. She is a former White House volunteer who alleges Clinton made an unwanted sexual pass at her in the White House.

Other potential witnesses include Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan, White House secretary Betty Currie, and a clutch of present and former presidential aides and advisers, chief of staff John Podesta among them.

As drafted, the agreement gives the White House until Monday to file an answer to the summons, and the House will have until Wednesday to file required papers and deliver evidence to the Senate, some of it presumably the voluminous material that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr turned over in September.

The trial would resume on Wednesday for the Senate to rule on any motions filed by either side.

Rehnquist makes Letterman

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – The impeachment trial had just begun a few hours before, but late-night comedian David Letterman had already latched on to the newest player in the drama: Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The nine Supreme Court justices are among the least known important people in America. Those who venture to Washington can catch them in action during cases that reach the high court. But they seldom give public speeches and do interviews even more rarely, so their personalities are a mystery to many.

Rehnquist will become better known, perhaps, once the arguments before the Senate commence later this week.

For now, Letterman offered his own view with "Top 10 Pickup Lines of William Rehnquist."

Among the printable offerings:

"How 'bout we go back to my place and watch some videos Clarence Thomas lent me?"

"The definition of justice: Me getting to spend the night with you."

"I've just written a brilliantly argued majority opinion and I don't think I should be alone tonight."

"I rule you going home by yourself unconstitutional."

• Kentucky Senator Jim Bunning had just been sworn into office Wednesday morning, after serving six terms in the House of Representatives. The next day he'd begin sitting in judgment of Bill Clinton, and soon thereafter would cast a vote on whether the president should be removed from office.

Bunning is asked about another vote – somewhat less momentous – that was announced the day before, in which the Baseball Writers Association of America elected three players to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"That's about as tough an audience" as there is, Bunning said with a smile, referring to the sportswriters who had elected Nolan Ryan, George Brett and Robin Yount, all in their first year of eligibility.

After a long pitching career, Bunning spent 15 fruitless years on the BBWAA ballot before the Veterans Committee elected him to the Hall in 1996.

But before heading off to a celebratory lunch with his family, Bunning said he would not go so far as to say that the senators standing as jurors in Clinton's trial will be any tougher than the sports writers are on nominees.

• Another congressman-turned-senator is Charles Schumer, the only newly elected Jewish senator. His swearing-in had an Israeli connection.

When Schumer took his oath of office, he used a silver Bible decorated with jade pieces. According to his spokeswoman, Kathy Levine, Schumer was given the Bible as a bar mitzva present in 1963. It was purchased by a family friend on a trip to Israel just before the event.

• One hundred and eighteen journalists have applied to cover President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial in the Senate.

The problem: Only 100 seats are available to the press at any time. The solution: The first 84 reporters who applied got a permanently assigned seat. The other 34 must rotate in the 16 remaining seats in one-hour allotments.

Journalists from Canada, Great Britain and Japan are among those attending, said an official of the Senate Press Gallery, which handles the arrangements.

"It's an international draw that's not typical of Senate business unless there's a foreign policy issue," she said. "As far as the news industry goes, this is it."

Astronomers find two new planets outside of our solar system

AUSTIN, Texas (Reuters) – Astronomers said yesterday they have found two new planets orbiting stars outside our solar system, and more so-called extrasolar planets could be discovered within months.

Neither one of the newly discovered planets is a place humans would want to call home: they are big, gassy and much too close to their stars for earthly comfort. But the scientists who found them believe the discovery of an Earth-like planet is possible.

"I think we're smarter than we were about how to find planets," Debra Fischer, the planets' discoverer, told a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Austin. "With a sample of suitable stars and enough telescope time, we expect to find planets around about 2 percent of Sun-like stars within a few months." Astronomers have long presumed the existence of planets in other solar systems, and the first such planets were identified in 1995 by Geoffrey Marcy. Both Fischer and Marcy are with San Francisco State University.

Since then, planetary discoveries have quickened, and the two newcomers bring the total of known extrasolar planets to 17.

The new planets cannot be seen, but can be inferred by the gravitational pull they exert on the stars they circle. Stars with big planets around them have a distinctive wobble detectable from Earth.

Fischer found the two new planets among a group of 88 Sun-like stars using the 3-meter telescope at Lick Observatory near San Jose, California. These 88 stars were part of a survey of 200 stars that Fischer began last summer.

Both newly identified planets are giants: one is 3.5 times the mass of Jupiter, the largest planet in Earth's solar system, and the other has 1.3 times Jupiter's mass, Fischer and her colleagues announced.

Fischer said she and other planet hunters will continue to look for solar systems that might contain Earth-like planets.

"We want smaller planets that are farther away from their host stars, because we want to probe the habitable zone of stars – the place where life may form," she said in the statement.

The more massive new planet, known to astronomers as HD195019, is located in the constellation Delphinus; the less massive one, HD217107, is in Pisces.

Another group of researchers found that a cluster of stars near our solar system may be good candidates for harboring big gassy planets, because they have high concentrations of heavy elements – those heavier than hydrogen and helium.

An international team of astronomers, including Guillermo Gonzalez of the University of Washington in Seattle, studied a dozen stars orbited by Jupiter-mass planets and found that all 12 had an abundance of heavy elements.

US man gets life for injecting son with AIDS virus

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (Reuters) – A man found guilty of injecting his 11-month-old son with blood tainted with the AIDS virus was sentenced on Friday to life in prison by a judge who said that real justice might only come if the defendant burned in hell.

Brian Stewart, a 32-year-old medical worker, could be eligible for parole after 15 years under Missouri law. Dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit, he stared blankly at the judge and made no comment as the sentence was handed down.

He was convicted last month of assault after prosecutors said he injected his son with the virus to get out of paying child support payments to his ex-girlfriend and their illegitimate son.

In passing sentence, Judge Ellsworth Cundiff of the St. Charles County Circuit Court told Stewart the crime "really puts you in the same class as a war criminal ... You've reached new highs. You're in a class by yourself."

"I think your son is going to go to heaven," he added. "I believe when God finally calls you, you're going to burn in hell from here to eternity. And maybe that's the only justice that will come of this when you're finally gone.

"But in the meantime I have the opportunity to keep you until whenever God's ready to call you, you'll be available. So it is the order, judgment, and sentence of this court that you be confined in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the rest of your natural life," he added.

The sentence – life with the possibility of parole – was what the jury recommended for the first-degree assault conviction and was the maximum the judge could have imposed in the case.

The judge said he had struggled with the decision because there was no sentence he could think of that would truly fit the crime.



Judge Cundiff: You're going to burn in hell. (AP)

The boy, now seven, suffers from AIDS and is being kept alive by potent drugs administered around the clock. He is fed through a stomach tube, has lost most of his hearing and has been near death several times.

His mother, identified only as "Jennifer," tearfully told the court before sentencing: "I'm here today as a mother, a compassionate human, and a prisoner to ask the question, who really has been given a life sentence?

She said: "There is no escape, no parole, only treacherous and undeserving death, an innocent life destroyed by Brian Stewart's selfishness."

Prosecutors said that Stewart, who worked as a blood-taking technician at several St. Louis-area hospitals, injected tainted blood into his son in a hospital room where the boy was being treated for asthma. The child was diagnosed with AIDS four years later.

King Hussein and his brother meet in London

AMMAN (AP) – King Hussein and his younger brother, Crown Prince Hassan, had an emotional reunion in London following the king's six months of treatment for cancer in the United States, the crown prince said yesterday.

"King Hussein is in a very good health and expected to return home after Eid al-Fitr holidays," Hassan said, referring to the Muslim feast marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, which should fall on Jan. 17.

"For me, to have this opportunity as a brother to see my brother for the first time in six months was delightful. I think our eyes dewed," said Hassan, as tears came to his eyes recalling the reunion.

The 63-year-old monarch arrived in London from the United States on Wednesday and is expected to continue recuperating in Britain.

Prince Hassan, who has been acting as regent in his brother's absence, told reporters after arriving in Amman from London that he and Hussein spent the day together Friday in the British capital.

"It was a surprise for me, to see my brother King Hussein flying his helicopter from his residence in London to Heathrow airport and back," Hassan said. King Hussein is a pilot who regularly flies his own aircraft.

Britons are shunning marriage, statistician says

LONDON (Reuters) – The majority of British adults will be unmarried within 12 years, according to the government's official statistician quoted by British newspapers yesterday.

Newspapers widely reported a forecast from the Government Actuary, or statistician, that the number of married adults will fall to 48 percent in 2011 and 45% in 2021 from 55% in 1996.

The forecast came at the end of a week of headlines dominated by the engagement of Queen Elizabeth's youngest son, Prince Edward to public relations executive Sophie Rhys-Jones.

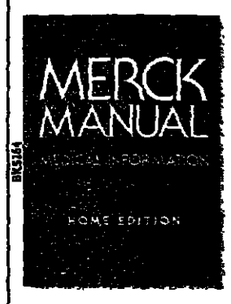
Statistician Chris Shaw said the fall will be largely due to an increasing trend of Britons to live their lives without ever tying the marriage knot.

He said that by 2021, the proportion of men who have never married is expected to rise to 41% and of women to 33%, in each case nine points higher than in 1996.

Over the 25-year period, the number of couples living together outside marriage was also expected almost to double to just under three million.

The Church of England queried the forecasts, saying there was no reason to suppose that current lifestyle trends would continue into the future.

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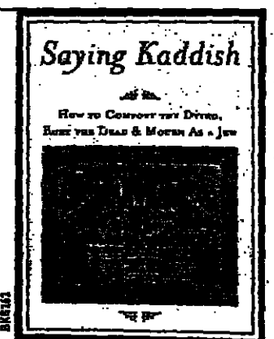
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Serbs launch operation to free soldiers

By MELISSA EDDY

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) – International mediators negotiated yesterday for the release of Yugoslav soldiers held by Kosovo guerrillas, but reports of fighting indicated they had failed in attempts to prevent a new outburst of violence.

A Yugoslav army artillery attack was reported by both Serb and ethnic Albanian sources yesterday afternoon, even before the expiration of an army deadline for the release of the eight soldiers.

The attack targeted two villages near Podujevo, a town north of Pristina, the capital, and east of the site of Friday's abductions of the soldiers. Both the Serb Media Center and the Albanian-operated Kosovo Information Center reported the barrages, but offered no details.

International officials said government forces had also sealed off an area south of Pristina where three Serb policemen were killed Friday, in preparation for a retaliatory offensive.

The ethnic Albanian Kosovo Information Center said international monitors of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe had passed on word from the military to Kosovo Albanian intermediaries that the last deadline for the releases was 4 p.m. yesterday. OSCE officials confirmed that report about the same time that the first reports of shelling near Kosovo Mitrovica were issued.

OSCE teams are trying to persuade the rebels to release the soldiers, seized Friday after they lost their way in thick fog.

They fear the escalating violence will destroy the shaky cease-fire reached October 12 to end seven months of fighting in Kosovo, an ethnic Albanian-majority province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

OSCE officials confirmed that negotiations with the guerrillas continued into the afternoon. They said one soldier was displayed by the rebels near Kosovska Mitrovica as proof that the hostages were alive and well.

"The captured were handed over to judicial bodies and will be treated according to international conventions of war and prisoners of war," the rebels' regional command for northwestern Kosovo said in a statement distributed to ethnic Albanian media.

The three policemen were killed Friday when KLA rebels fired an antitank weapon at their armored vehicle near the village of Suva Reka, 50 kilometers south of Pristina, the Serb Media Center reported.

Four policemen and two civilians were seriously wounded in a fierce gun battle that followed, the Serb center said. Rebels in the area told reporters they attacked the police in retaliation for government shelling of a nearby ethnic Albanian village, and the Kosovo Information Center said two people, including a 6-year-old boy, were killed in that barrage.

It was the first time that guerrillas have been known to destroy an armored vehicle since fighting began in February. The attack confirmed reports that rebels have obtained better weapons.

NATO troops kill Serb war-crimes suspect

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) – A Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect accused of raping and torturing Moslem women was shot to death yesterday by NATO troops near the town of Foca.

NATO officials identified the suspect as Dragan Gagovic, police chief in Foca during the Bosnian war. The UN war crimes tribunal had indicted him on charges of crimes against humanity.

The officials said French soldiers within the NATO-led Bosnian peace force shot Gagovic after he tried to resist arrest.

"Gagovic drove his car directly at SFOR soldiers, threatening their lives," said a NATO spokeswoman, Maj. Sheena Thompson, using the acronym for the NATO-led Stabilization Force in Bosnia. "SFOR troops defended themselves by opening fire." She said that Gagovic was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Gagovic, 39, was sought by the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on suspicion of torturing and raping at least five Moslem women in 1992 at a sports hall turned into a prison center. His indictment says he was aware of sexual assaults on other women and knew about the brutal living conditions in the camp.

Foca is believed to harbor at least eight war crimes suspects. Human Rights Watch, a private rights-monitoring organization, refers to the town as a "closed, dark place," where some of the worst atrocities of the Bosnian war were committed.

Last year, Milorad Krnojelac, another war crimes suspect who lived in Foca, surrendered to NATO troops and is in custody in The Hague. He was indicted for rape.

The US-led NATO force in Bosnia says it will arrest any war crimes suspect that it happens upon as part of its regular peacekeeping duties. More than two dozen suspects have given themselves up or been apprehended by NATO troops. One, a Serb, was killed while resisting arrest.



British Prime Minister Tony Blair sits in the cockpit of a Tornado bomber jet, accompanied by RAF Wing Commander Steve Hillier, during a visit to the Ali al-Salem Air base in Kuwait yesterday. (AP)

Blair sends warning to Saddam

By ASHRAF FOUAD

ALI AL-SALEM AIRBASE, Kuwait (Reuters) – British Prime Minister Tony Blair told Iraq yesterday it would face further military strikes if it threatened neighbors who helped Western forces in December's military campaign.

Blair, standing in front of one of 12 British Tornado bombers which hit Iraq last month, told Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to expect a "very firm response from the allied forces" if he attempted any military actions.

"The only way to deal with Saddam is to make it clear that if he attempts to threaten anybody in this neighborhood, he will be beaten back by force and we will do this again if necessary," Blair said during a visit to this Kuwaiti airbase some 55 kilometers south of the Iraqi border.

He said London and Washington were always in favor of a diplomatic solution to recurring military standoffs with Saddam, but "he only understands the language of diplomacy when it is backed up by the threat of force."

Blair arrived in Kuwait yesterday for a one-day visit and met the emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah.

Blair and his wife Cherie spent more than two hours at the airbase to visit Royal Air Force ground staff who assisted in December's four-day US-led military campaign against Iraq.

The British warplanes were first sent to Kuwait in February in a previous standoff with Iraq, which was resolved in the last minute by UN chief Kofi Annan. They currently take part in patrolling a no-fly zone over southern Iraq along with US aircraft deployed in the region.

The Tornados dropped more than 50 900 kilogram laser-guided bombs on Iraqi targets during the December campaign.

The pilots who participated in the attacks returned home earlier this week and have been replaced by other pilots.

In Baghdad, members of the Iraqi parliament said at an extraordinary session that states which allowed US and British planes to launch air strikes from their territory against Iraq in a dispute over UN arms inspections should be branded hostile and be punished.

They also urged the rejection of all UN Security Council resolutions on Iraq and of Western-imposed no-fly zones in the north and south of the country.

British diplomats told reporters that despite regional sensitivities Kuwait was happy to host the British planes.

"They want us to be here... and it is clear from the start why we are here," British Ambassador Graham Boyce told reporters – although Kuwait would prefer less media attention to its role in Western strikes against former occupier Iraq.

Gulf Arab countries provided the US and Britain with a wide range of military facilities in the December attacks, which were rejected by other Arab states and triggered anti-Western demonstrations elsewhere in the Arab world.

Blair said Britain was "very pleased by the warmth and welcome the British forces were receiving in Kuwait."

"We have to remember that Saddam's threat is primarily to those people in this neighborhood here," Blair said. "Saddam has to realize we will not allow him to threaten his neighbors... if there is [Iraqi] reprisal or any action against any of our people then the response will be swift and immediate."

Before leaving for Britain, Blair met British businessmen then headed to meet his Kuwaiti counterpart and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah for a Ramadan iftar meal, when Moslems break their daily fast in the evening.

Nigerians vote in key state elections

LAGOS (Reuters) – Nigerians voted yesterday in elections for state governors and assemblies, which marked the latest step in the military's plan to quit after 15 years in power.

Three parties contested the elections, which are a prelude to votes in February for a national assembly and for a president to take over when Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar steps down in May as ruler of Africa's most populous nation.

Before polls closed, reports indicated a high turnout across many parts of the West African country of at least 108 million, with higher numbers of voters in those of the 36 states where the contest was hottest.

Counting started immediately but election officials said poor roads and communications would mean results were not likely to be collated from across states until today at the earliest.

"Results should start trickling in this evening, but we may not have the full details until Monday," said a senior official of the electoral commission.

Precise turnout figures were not immediately available.

"From the reports we have it has been excellent, very successful," Independent National Electoral Commission Secretary Adama Bawa Mu'azu said from the capital Abuja. "The voter turnout is reasonable and the difficulties experienced in previous elections were eliminated this time."

At least 500,000 officials from the electoral commission and the three parties were deployed to ensure a fair vote at more than 150,000 polling stations.

The centrist Peoples Democratic Party hopes to consolidate its position after the December vote in which it won control of 60 percent of Nigeria's local councils.

The party was formed by politicians who opposed the late dictator Sani Abacha's bid to remain in power before his death in June made way for Abubakar, a soft-spoken career soldier.

Only two other parties did well enough in December to qualify for state and national elections.

The right-of-center All People's Party, dubbed the "Abacha People's Party" by its detractors because of the presence of former Abacha supporters among its leaders, came a distant second in December.

The left-leaning Alliance for Democracy is expected to sweep the vote in its southwestern ethnic Yoruba heartland but make little impact elsewhere.

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in brief

Pentagon: Strikes on Iraq effective

The Pentagon doubled its damage estimate from the air strikes on Iraq, saying Friday the attack set back Saddam Hussein's weapons program two years and killed 600 to 2,000 Republican Guard members, including key leaders. "The effectiveness was even greater than we first thought," Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, head of US forces in the Gulf, said at a Pentagon news conference.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a separate forum with defense writers that "several key individuals" from Republican Guard leadership that Saddam relied upon to control the Iraqi military were killed in the December 16-19 attacks. *Reuters*

Russia to build nuclear reactor in Iran this year

Russian builders will start constructing the first reactor for an Iranian nuclear power plant this year, Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeny Adamov said yesterday.

Russia signed a $800 million deal with Iran to help build a 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor in Bushehr in 1995. The US and Israel have strongly criticized the project, saying it might help Iran obtain technology needed to develop nuclear weapons.

Russia insists the Bushehr project is only for generating electricity – not for providing Iran with technology to build weapons of mass destruction. *Reuters*

US snow closes schools, delays flights

NEW YORK (AP) – Schoolchildren in several US states got an early start on the weekend as snow, sleet, and freezing rain pelted much of the nation's eastern half and slowing travel. Four deaths were blamed on the weather.

As much as 20 centimeters fell in western Maryland on Friday, delaying flights at several airports, including Baltimore-Washington International. About 20 percent of incoming flights were canceled at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where even Air Force One was delayed. President Bill Clinton, who had toured an auto show, left for Washington about 30 minutes late because of the slush, muck, and snowfall.

Eighteen die in latest Algerian violence

ALGIERS (Reuters) – Moslem rebels have killed seven members of the Algerian security forces and troops shot dead nine rebels in the latest reported violence, local dailies said yesterday. In another incident, rebels cut the throats of two women in an attack on a village.

About 20 Moslem rebels, disguised as government soldiers, stormed the hamlet of La Carriere, 60 km west of Algiers, early Thursday morning. The daily *Liberte* said they shot dead five pro-government militiamen and wounded three others. *Demain l'Algerie* said rebels killed two soldiers in an ambush Thursday 200 km east of Algiers. Rebels slashed the throats of two women on Thursday in the hamlet of Houita, said *Al Khabar* newspaper.

UK trade secretary says fathered child at 17

LONDON (Reuters) – Britain's newly appointed Trade Secretary Stephen Byers acknowledged on Friday he had fathered a son when he was just 17 years old. Byers, 45, issued a statement saying he had never made a secret of the relationship and kept in touch with his 28-year-old son.

He also made a plea to the media to leave his son and his son's mother alone. "We are talking about events which took place 28 years ago, when both my son's mother and myself were 17 years old," he said.

Byers is not married, but lives with a long-term partner and has no other children.

Artillery fire pounds Sierra Leone's capital

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone – Artillery fire pounded Sierra Leone's capital through Friday night and heavy fighting was reported yesterday around one of the city's main military bases, while rebels battled government soldiers and their allies for the city.

It was unclear how much of the city the rebel Revolutionary United Front controlled, but residents said a main military base, the Wilberforce Barracks, was under attack yesterday. Those reports could not be independently confirmed.

A top rebel commander rejected a cease-fire, warning that his rebels would intensify their assault if he were not allowed to meet with his imprisoned leader soon.

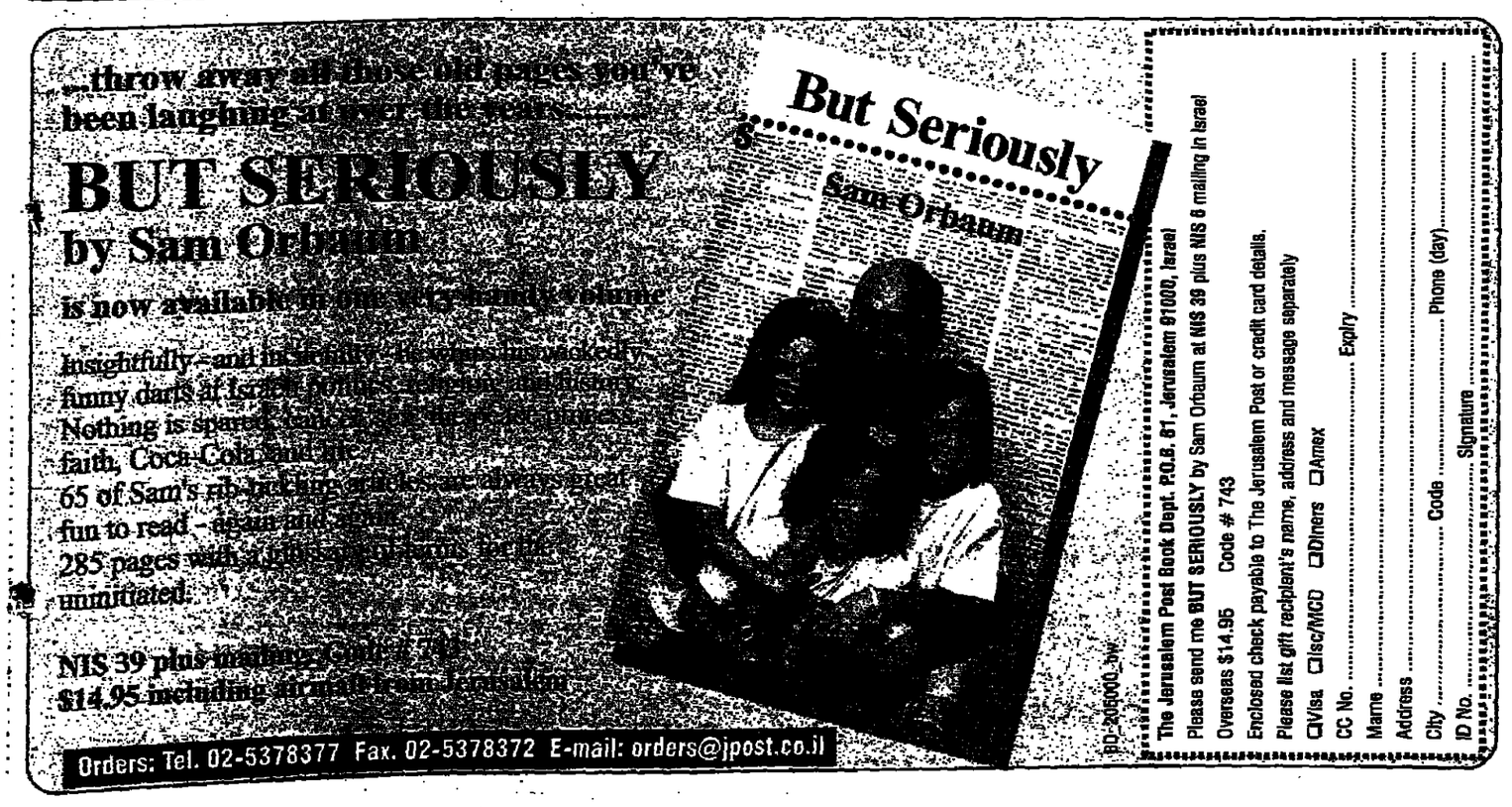
Death squads kill more than 60 Colombians

BOGOTA (Reuters) – A right-wing death squad gunned down 14 people yesterday in northern Colombia, raising the toll from a three-day killing spree to more than 60, authorities said.

Police and military officials said the latest attack occurred in San Pablo, a town in a rural and deeply impoverished area of Bolivar province. The victims, several of them women, were dragged out of their homes at dawn and shot execution-style in the street, police spokesmen said.

They quoted witnesses as saying the 40 heavily armed gunmen who swept through the town were members of the outlawed United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC), a loosely-woven alliance of paramilitary gangs with an estimated 5,000 fighters nationwide.

Police said most of the victims were suspected rebel sympathizers.



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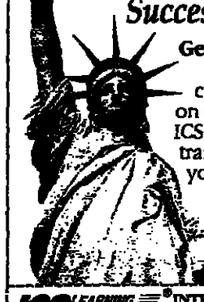
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New danger in Kosovo

The new outbreak of violence in the Kosovo region of the former Yugoslavia is a depressing start to another year of Balkan troubles for Europe. Just as depressing is the fact that no one is surprised by it.

Despite the efforts of NATO and the monitors from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), who are attempting to stem the tide, time is fast running out for a peaceful settlement in this troubled province. Over the Kosovo problem hangs the ever-present danger that one day one of these wars centered on Serbian militarism will spill across international borders into Macedonia, or Albania, or even Greece.

The OSCE monitors this time have correctly blamed the ethnic Albanian guerrillas for raising the temperature in the tinderbox by their "irresponsible actions." The explosive spark came from a meticulously planned ambush against a Serbian police convoy on Friday, in which three Serbs were killed and eight taken hostage. Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic usually needs little provocation or excuse to continue his war against the separatists of Kosovo, but this time his forces must be commended for their initial restraint while the OSCE tried to negotiate a way out of the dangerous slide to total war.

It is clear the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army has broken its word to the monitoring authorities not to initiate hostilities, and further compounded the duplicity by first agreeing to free the detained Serbian hostages, and then not doing so. It appeared yesterday that the Serbs were losing patience and had launched a tank and armored assault against KLA strongholds in the mountains. The KLA are squandering the goodwill of the international community towards the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo. It was this goodwill, along with international outrage for Milosevic's reckless aggression, that brought NATO to the brink of destroying Serb forces last summer. This was before a partial peace settlement brought a lull in hostilities and allowed the European monitors to attempt to defuse the situation on the ground.

It is hard to see what the KLA hopes to gain from breaking the cease-fire and initiating the violence, since it is heavily outgunned. Serb *forces cannot be expected to stand by without* defending themselves from such blatant attacks. Neither does anyone expect that they will stop *short at mere retaliation if NATO again hesitates* to intervene in what essentially remains an internal Yugoslav problem of separatism and *guerrilla war, more similar to the Chechnya* conflict than to the previous war in Bosnia.

There is some slight hope that the present *clash might pass without escalation, based on* the assessment of the monitors that the Yugoslav authorities have shown a willingness to cooper*ate in the present situation which has not been* apparent in the past. No one should assume this cooperative spirit can last for long – experience *has shown the Serb military to have a very short* fuse when provoked.

The new troubles in Kosovo send a clear *warning to European politicians to stir them*selves in the search for a peaceful solution for the province. As spring approaches, the chances for more *conflict will increase rather than* decrease. Western political or military action in the Balkan conflicts has generally come too lit*tle* and too late. If a diplomatic solution cannot be found quickly, Kosovo could become the catalyst for a dangerous new round of Balkan war whose extent no one can predict.

Blair in South Africa

In the tapestry of South Africa's ethnic groups, Moslems have until recently been known as a quiet and respected minority, like *Indians or Jews, and Cape Town has been* known mainly as a tranquil tourist haven.

The images of violent fundamentalist protests against Prime Minister Tony Blair in Cape Town this weekend have been all the more startling, since they recalled the old rather the new South Africa, with police firing birdshot and tear gas to disperse the demonstrators. The demonstrations were small, and although vociferous, need not be blown out of proportion.

But they do confirm that there is some basis for anxieties recently expressed about the increasing radicalization of young South African Moslems. Their activism in Cape Town began as a vigilante war against drug dealers and other criminals, but as the action against Blair shows, have become increasingly politicized in the irrational and undemocratic manner of fundamentalists of all stripes.

There was one peaceful demonstration against the British involvement in Operation Desert Fox – a perfectly acceptable expression of public opinion in any democratic country. But it was the other hate-filled crowd baying in support of the mass murderer Saddam Hussein that presented an altogether different and uglier picture, as did their disgraceful placards that read "Death to Blair." It seems the cry "death to..." *has become the universal anthem of irrational* demagogues everywhere, in whom reason has been driven out by hatred.

Those calling for the death of this respected elected leader would do well to recall the British Labor movement's unflinching support for anti-apartheid campaigns, and the generous refuge the United Kingdom gave to those hunted by the old apartheid regime. In supporting an evil dictator like Saddam Hussein, they are supporting a regime just as murderous as apartheid, also directed against the regime's own people. When Iraq is finally liberated from its tyrannical rulers, we can be sure the gratitude of ordinary Iraqis will confound the blindness of these new fundamentalists.

Blair was in South Africa to cement relations with the civilized new South Africa led by President Nelson Mandela, and his country will increase aid and development there by 40 percent over the next three years. It is to be hoped the protesters appreciate their freedom to shout hate-filled slogans in their new democracy. In the land of their hero, even the mildest protest against Saddam would end in summary executions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO HONOR

Sir, – The story "Honor sought for UK's Schindler" (January 3) about Frank Foley, a British spy, *who was responsible for saving* the lives of over 10,000 Jews in Nazi Germany and who has never been appropriately honored by Israel is nothing short of mind-boggling.

Are we, the Jewish people, so long the victims of all kinds of oppression and discrimination not going to raise our voices loud and *clear that this matter must be* investigated immediately. Do we want to acquire a reputation that we are an ungrateful people? Why was Frank Foley not honored appropriately in his own lifetime?

A DAVID MARKS

Jerusalem.

NEGATIVE REPORTING

Sir, – I am writing to protest the Dry Bones cartoon of January 7 which talked about an influx of "*Christian crazies*" to Israel.

It leaves the impression that Christians coming to Israel on pilgrimage are nothing but a bunch of lunatics. There is already too much focus on extreme Christian groups in the media which distorts the true picture. Most Christian pilgrims to Israel/The Holy Land are coming *on a spiritual journey in which* they encounter their Jewish roots in the land of Israel.

Similarly, the op-ed by Gerald Steinberg entitled "Beyond Jewish-Christian Dialogue" (January 1), is extremely patronizing and negative, leaving a distorted picture of the progress in Jewish-Christian dialogue, particularly between Catholics and Jews, during the past 50 years.

The great advances in Jewish-Christian dialogue of this century *are not well known in Israel, nor* are they readily accepted by the Israeli population which is fed a steady diet of negative reporting about Christians in general, and the remarkably positive developments in Jewish-Christian relations in particular.

It is time for *The Jerusalem Post* to start focusing on the positive in *this area, rather than on the* extreme, eccentric and violent phenomena which are the exception rather than the rule.

DR. RON KRONISH
Director,
Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel.

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On January 10, 1934, *The Palestine Post* reported that Arab leaders who, in defiance of the government's prohibition and warning, resolved to demonstrate on January 16, continued to incite the masses claiming that Jews had prepared schemes to attack the Haram and other mosques and were trying to expel the Arabs from their land by seizing their cemeteries.

50 years ago: On January 10, 1949, *The Palestine Post* reported that five British planes which photographed Israeli defense installations were shot down as the cease-fire went into effect in the Negev. At the UN Security Council Israel refused to accept British complaints that its army had advanced into Sinai, since they were not properly addressed.

25 years ago: On January 10, 1974, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that in view of the stalemate at the Geneva peace talks, the US Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, would visit Egypt and Israel in order to help them reach an agreement on the separation of their forces along the Suez front.

Alexander Zvielli

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Peace must triumph

SHIMON PERES

The meetings of the International Board of Governors of the Peres Center for Peace begin today. Three-hundred-and-fifty guests from all over the world will be joining our Israeli partners. Half of them – Arabs. Among the participants can be counted statesmen, government officials, leaders in finance and industry, representatives of international organizations, prominent professors from the academic world, seven Nobel Prize laureates, and many others.

These people are partners of the center and their assistance empowers it to fulfill its mission. *Indeed, Israel has not witnessed of* late such an impressive concentration of guests from the region itself and from overseas.

They are arriving despite the dire straits in which the peace process finds itself, and notwithstanding the fact that our region has not exactly been the bearer of good tidings for some time.

They are coming because of their unshakeable certitude that peace must triumph. For the lovers *of peace, Israelis and Arabs both,* this show of faith serves as a ray of hope and a good reason for optimism.

Many good people from diverse backgrounds and wide-ranging occupations from all corners of the globe, are willing and ready to lend a helping hand, channel resources, grant professional assistance, give good advice – to see the peoples of the Middle East live side by side in peaceful coexistence.

It is not in vain that the deliberations of the board meetings will focus on initiatives and mechanisms to launch new Israeli-Arab cooperative projects, while forging strong coalitions that support these projects, comprising residents of the region and partners from outside it.

THE Peres Center was established a year ago due to a sense that governments, while able to attain formal peace, nevertheless tend to fail to breathe life into the signed

We are not alone in the fight for reconciliation and peace

document. Peace whose essence narrows down to a diplomatic agreement signed by two enemies is a peace with a turbulent future.

Peace must be enjoyed by all. It must be translated into the language understood by all. There must be an improved standard of living, employment opportunities, fitting education, accessible health-care services, the chance for advancement and self-realization. Only thus will it be possible to create a stable and enduring peace.

Non-governmental activity in the peace-building process therefore has a significant and decisive role to play, of the kind that enables a great number of peace-lovers to make an impact on the active reconciliation process by contributing from their individual area of activity, and lay the foundations for a network of cooperative ties in wide-ranging fields.

Such ties of cooperation are an excellent demonstration of the benefits of peace and a convincing argument for its safeguarding. They provide the occasion for Jews and Arabs to get to know one another, encourage mutual respect, and in the final count, to shed past prejudices, stereotypes and hostility.

On the basis of this viewpoint, the center is active in scores of projects involving an Arab partner, making a mark on the lives of people, and by so doing giving a tangible meaning to the concept of peace: in agriculture, in the creation of financing mechanisms, in promoting joint investments, encouraging youth-related programs, in health-care enterprises, in artistic Israeli-Arab productions, to name but just a few.

Scores of young students volunteered to help us in preparing this event. I saw them working with tireless dedication around the clock. I talked to them and was filled with hope tinged with a sense of responsibility. I discovered a young generation, a generation devoid of cynicism, prepared to invest in a worthy cause. We must not disappoint this young and amazing generation. It deserves a future of peace.

They came from the four corners of the world to help us in this mission. To those who have come from overseas I say: "Welcome, *Bruchim haba'im*," and to the residents of the region I say; "There *is real cause for optimism, peace* has a chance, take notice of how the world is ready to help us attain it. Let us not turn away from the hand extended in peace."

Shahak is no centrist

DAVID WEINBERG

I'm sorry to burst Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's balloon so early in the campaign, but you *can't run for prime minister as a* "centrist" when you're not.

Don't get me wrong. Shahak is charming, appears to be level-headed, speaks of consensus and reconciliation, and has an impressive military career behind him. He radiates strength, and is untainted by previous political party affiliation.

But those aren't sufficient credentials to claim the centrist high ground. Aside from his ability to *draw discontents and other politi*cians from both Labor and the Likud seeking to catapult their careers forward, just what makes Shahak a centrist?

Take Shahak's political platform, as expressed in interviews over recent days. He supports Oslo, pretty much unconditionally; indeed, he thinks it was a great agreement. He speaks of *our* need to regain "credibility" in the process and to live up to *our* obligations. *He ignores Palestinian vio*lations, and trusts Yasser Arafat.

Shahak hankers for the good old days, when the peace process with the Palestinians was galloping forward through goodwill, and the international community consequently was in love with us. He would move forward quickly towards a painful settlement with *Syria over the Golan (all the* Golan?), and thus hope to settle things in Lebanon, too.

If you ask me, this isn't very centrist.

Middle-of-the-road Israelis – and yes, I think we are many and growing – are pretty cynical about Oslo and quite disillusioned. There's no going back now; and we will have to live with the Palestinian state it created. But at this point Oslo's dangers and perils rival its gains, and a centrist prime minister would give expression to that.

A centrist leader would focus on fixing Oslo, on holding Arafat to his obligations, and on protecting our security, settlement and water *interests as we move into the next,* critical stages. On reassuring the Israeli public that he would drive a hard bargain.

A genuine centrist leader would sound, in fact, much like – Binyamin Netanyahu. But with a pinch more credibility and a bushel less bombast.

But our new would-be "centrist" honcho is absolutely certain that Netanyahu's policies are unredeemingly and categorically dangerous. *There has been no similar* reproach for the Labor/Meretz positions. Labor, you see, made no mistakes.

This is centrist?

So far, his candidacy looks like a kinder, gentler mask for a Labor/Meretz agenda

NOR does Shahak's "centrist" chatter on religious-secular relations sound authentic. He speaks of ending religious coercion, and supporting personal rights and *freedoms against the rabbinate's* monopoly in Jewish marriage and divorce. He supports the Neeman compromise on conversions, and wants to end, without coercion, across-the-board haredi draft-dodging.

Legitimate, logical demands. But none of this is balanced by any expression of concern for the Jewish character of the state or evidence of a commitment to intensified Jewish or classical Zionist education.

I don't think Shahak has any idea what Jewish content he would fill our grandchildren's heads with, once he's done away with all the big bad religious bogeymen, their laws and their unjust perks.

Reading Amos Oz's works, "loving your neighbor as yourself," and "*smiling again*" *is nice,* but contains little identity-building stamina or substance.

"Israel *netto*," as Shahak ambiguously put it, isn't too impressive as a value-system.

Finally, I have no choice but to judge the political novice Shahak by the company he keeps. His candidacy was hatched in the homes of Leah Rabin and her daughter Dahlia. The politicos who advise him – sitting at his *side in every TV spot – include* Oslo godfather Uri Savir and Behira Bardugo (both top aides to Shimon Peres) and Shimon Sheves (Yitzhak Rabin's polemic director-general). There is no one from the Right or even from the conservative wing of the Labor Party.

These are some of the key guys behind the horribly cantankerous Labor-Meretz government of 1992-96; a government that led a *sustained crusade against reli*gious institutions and a merciless assault on right-wing institutions. A spiteful, divisive government.

Oh, and one more thing: Shahak is aligning himself with the opportunist, haredi-bashing Ronni Milo.

So I ask you: Is Shahak's push truly "centrist"? Can we expect it to be consensus-building and lov*ing, as Shahak promises? Or is* Shahak's "centrist" party just a populist twist on, or a kinder, gentler mask for, a new Labor/Meretz force in Israeli politics?

Amnon Lipkin-Shahak may be idealistic, quality leadership mate*rial. He could be a welcome* change from the rhetorical excesses and wild fantasies of other leaders. And if your political and religious perspectives are decidedly left of center, he might be worth voting for – although I think Ehud Barak has a better claim on the territory.

But don't go passing off Shahak as a centrist. Thus far, he's said or done nothing to earn that worthy title.

Torquemada meets McCarthy

DANIEL BLOCH

The world is now witness to a judicial farce called the presidential impeachment trial, on stage at Capitol Hill, in Washington, DC.

A direct line leads from the witch trials in Salem to the dark days of the McCarthy hearings on "un-American activities", to this politically motivated travesty of justice.

There is one important difference between those past events and the present one: Public opinion both centuries ago at Salem and in the early Fifties supported the prosecution, at least at first. Only later on – sometimes too late for the victims – the public realized how wrong the accusations were and understood the real motivations of the accusers and the judges.

Nowadays the vast majority of the American public and rest of the world, knows that this is a politically motivated trial led by right-wing self-righteous politicians.

I was living in Washington at the time of the Iran-Contra scandal investigations. If there was any case that ought to have led to an impeachment attempt, as per the original intent of America's Founding Fathers, it was that one. From what we know today, it seems that president Ronald Reagan was already not in full charge of his administration and that some high-ranking officials in the White House and in his cabinet had lied to Congress and led it astray.

But at that time the Republicans, led by Henry Hyde, helped the cover-up attempt and the liberal Democrats were afraid to press on with the charges, so as not to be perceived as launching a politically motivated attack against the then-popular president.

But the Republicans today, under the pressure and blackmail of the so-called "Moral Majority," the Christian religious Right, are not afraid to press on, leading the American justice system back to the dark ages and helping their party commit political suicide.

Thus, we are seeing the joint performance of Torquemada, the Grand Inquisitor Henry Hyde, with Ken Starr McCarthy and the House prosecutors looking like Paris revolutionaries leading Louis XIV and Robespierre to the guillotine.

BUT this time the crowd is not cheering them. They are crying. Hoping that some sense of sanity will prevail at last in the Senate chambers.

Will there be at least six sensible Republican senators who will join the Democrats and put an end to this stupid trial? Are they more afraid of the radical Right than of their voters? Do they really believe that their acting against the will of their electorate will be forgotten by the next elections?

If this impeachment process continues, the Democrats stand an excellent chance next year to win the White House and both houses of Congress. President Gore or Gephardt might have a *chance that no Democrat has had* since Lyndon Johnson to reshape American social policies and institutions, to be more humane and caring, and to undo the misery caused to so many segments of society by Reaganomics.

Any Machiavellian adviser would tell the Democrats: Let the Republicans continue to make fools of themselves. The longer the trial goes on, the more seats they will lose in November 2000.

But this ordeal harms the real interests of the US at home and abroad. A prolonged trial prevents *the administration and Congress* from dealing with the true problems of America and the world.

Basically, Bill Clinton is a good president. His social agenda is a good one and he has proven himself a strong and caring leader in the international arena.

His world outlook helped improve lives in many areas and advanced the cause of peace in many parts of the world, mainly in the Balkans and Northern Ireland. Even in the Middle East, he succeeded at least in maintaining some stability, though he failed to move the peace process forward at full speed, both because of Binyamin Netanyahu and the incompetence of his peace envoys, headed by Dennis Ross.

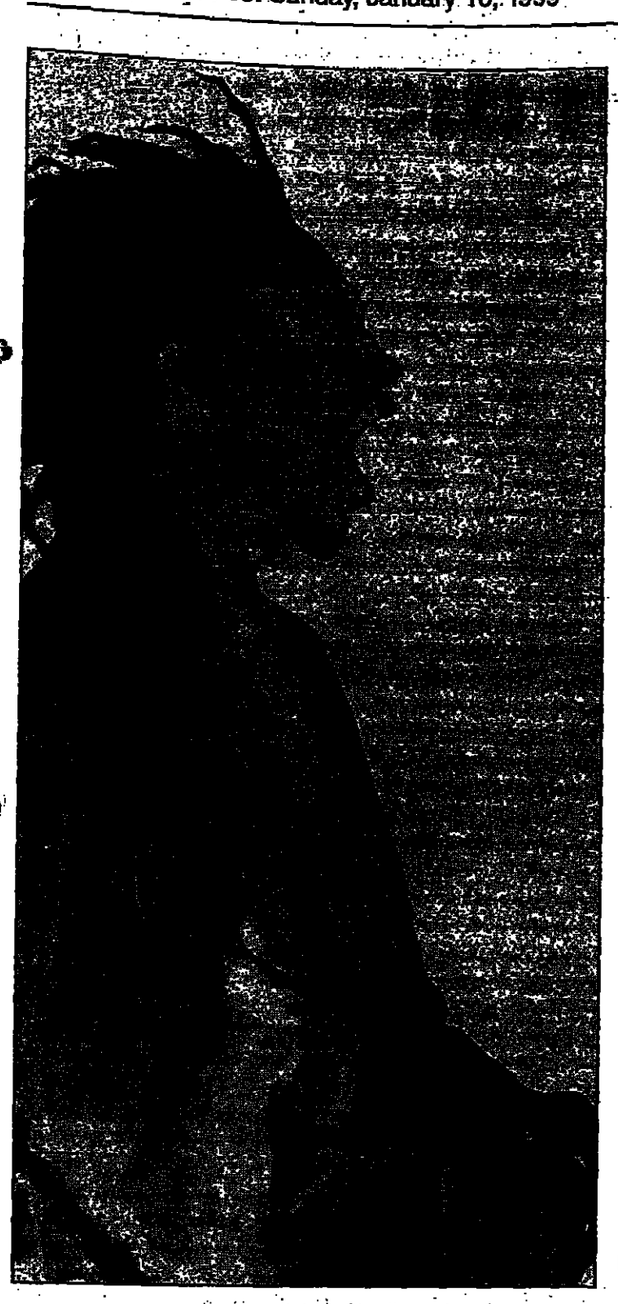
Perhaps Clinton's great success motivated the House Republicans to pursue impeachment, in the hope that public opinion would bring about his resignation. They miscalculated, but got so caught up with the case until it became an obsession; now, if sense and logic won't prevail, only the fear of Larry Flynt might stop them.

Everybody knows that there aren't 67 senators to convict Clinton. Therefore the moderate Republicans need to put a quick stop to this unnecessary ordeal, and the sooner the better.

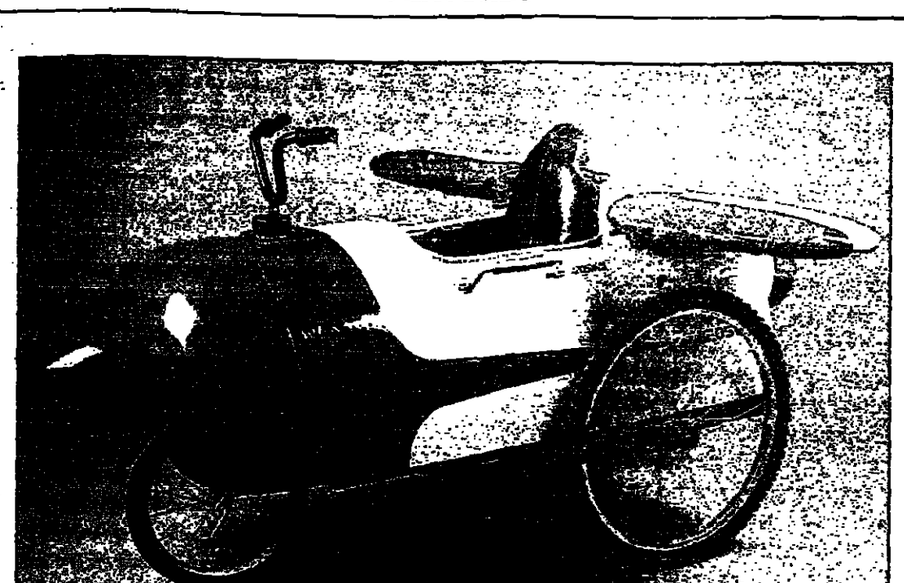
God save America from neo-McCarthyism and a modern inquisition.

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Loretta Bourque (United States): 'Scream,' oil on canvas ($700-800 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)



Joyce Hsu (China): 'The Flying Machine' ($2,500-3,500 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)



Genevieve Paterson (Scotland): 'Claire and Blair,' fired clay and human hair ($2,000-3,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

Worldwide 'Young Art'

AT THE AUCTIONS

There'll be standing room only at the second Artlink sale of International Young Art at Sotheby's Tel Aviv on January 21, when 123 lots by 66 artists from 16 countries will go on offer. Another 122 lots by the same artists will be offered a week later at Sotheby's recently opened premises in Chicago. All the works, with estimates ranging from $300 to $4,500, are reproduced in a joint spiffy-smart Sotheby's catalog ($20 or NIS 80). Viewing of the Tel Aviv lots is from January 15 till January 20. For enquiries call (03) 560-1666.

Sotheby's first Artlink sale was a sellout that doubled its pre-sale estimate. This time, an international panel reviewed some 9,000 works submitted by over 700 applicants before selecting the 247 paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs by artists from the US, Canada, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Cuba, Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Armenia, Belarus, Russia, the Czech Republic and Israel.

Better-known contemporary artists sometimes watch their works change hands for millions at auctions without getting anything more than a not inconsiderable boost of reputation. In the admittedly financially modest Artlink sales, the artists get 50% of the proceeds.

Tal Danai, the founder and managing director of Artlink, says that the auction is also meant to create a unique environment in which the artist themselves experience a an exchange of ideas with peers from around the globe, while getting exposure on the international market. He says that the first auction led to further sales by some of the artists and invitations to participate in various exhibitions.

One of the top-priced lots in this sale is *The Flying Machine* by **Joyce Hsu** (China) a tricycle transmogrified into a super toy that flaps its wings but which requires imagination to become airborne ($3,500-4,500). A child's swing is also turned into something else in a Cibachrome print by **Ruth Collins** (England, £300-500).

One of the more eerie exhibits is *Cancer*, by **Victoria Jones** (Scotland) made of wax, candlewicks, metal and paint, a tortured torso that is a *memento mori* related to the death of the artist's mother. It should go for more than its top estimate of $2,000.

Another Scottish participant, **Genevieve Paterson**, makes groups of identical castings of fired clay or fiberglass ($1,800-3,000).

Among the more refined drawings are mixed-media oil-wash or nail-polish works by Israel's **Udi Salmanovich** ($400-600, may go for more). Israel's **Yehudit Sasportas** also has a mixed-media drawing based on a loose grid ($2,000-2,500). A notable Israeli pair of canvases in charcoal and paint are by **Sharon Naidas** ($1,500-2,000). Also worth noting are several realist drawings in charcoal on wrinkled silk paper by **Yael Goren Strauss** ($400-600).



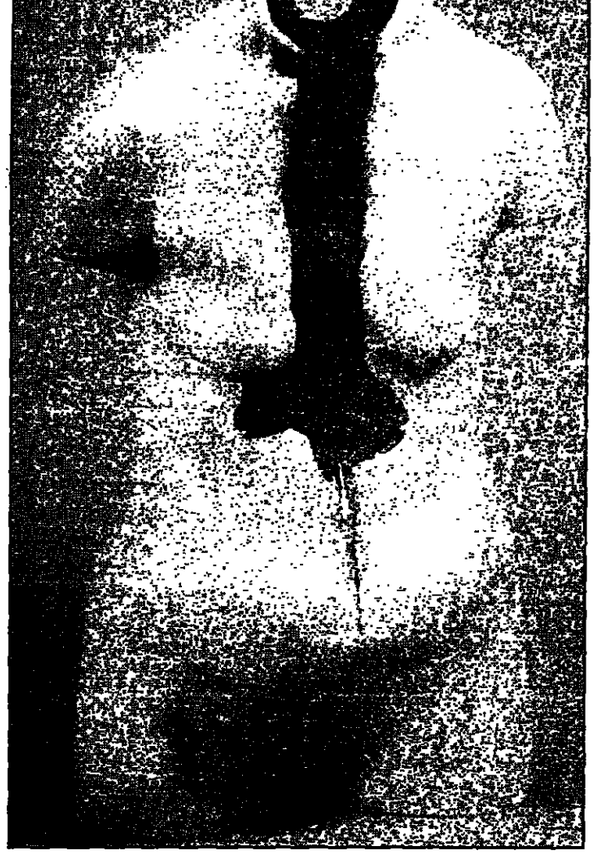
Sharon Naidas (Israel): 'Bird,' gouache, acrylic and charcoal on canvas ($1500-2,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

There are two fun acrylic paintings by the Czech artist **Tomas Svoboda** in minimalist mode, both excellent compositions. The first is a cipher for an aerial view of cars in a parking lot ($1,000-1,500), the second of a hotel room ($700-900). Both should sell well.

Some of the most accomplished realist painting is from the US and Russia. Particularly dramatic is *Scream*, oil on canvas, by **Loretta Bourque** (US, $700-900).

There is much talent but no signs of genius among the 66. For the most part, it would be hard to detect their country of origin. One of the few detectables is Armenian **Aren Haroutunian**. All in all, there are far too many Cibachrome prints. Not surprisingly, digital manipulations are also included.

MATSA Auctions of Tel Aviv have published an interesting addition to the catalog of their upcoming January 24 sale. Among the lots of notable local interest are a very early **Moshe Castel** self-portrait from 1926 ($18,000-22,000); a **Yehezkel Streichman** port scene in oils reminscent of England's Paul Nash ($32,000-42,000); a lovely Streichman flower piece in watercolor ($12,000-16,000); an eerie **Reuven Rubin** of a storm over Tiberias from 1931 ($40,000-60,000); and an airy **Nahum Gutman** gouache of two women sitting on a balcony in Neve Zedek ($22,000-28,000).



Victoria Jones (Scotland): 'Cancer,' wax metal and paint ($2,000 at Sotheby's Tel Aviv)

Lily: Purifying plant

NEW WORLDS

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Water lilies in a pond make a lovely scene. But now experiments conducted by Hebrew University scientists have found that nymphaea, as they are called, can also be used to restore the purity of rivers and water sources polluted with poisonous heavy metals. They can also serve as natural mini-waste treatment "plants" for wastewater from household or industrial sources.

Experiments carried out at HU's Faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences in Rehovot have shown that the water lily, generally thought of only as a decorative plant, is capable of absorbing great quantities of heavy, poisonous metals through its leaves and roots. The water lilies, which grow naturally in swampy areas, have in recent years become popular as decorative plants.

The researchers, from the faculty's department of agricultural botany, are headed by Prof. Elisha Tel-Or, doctoral student Noa Lavid and master's degree students Eldad Sokolovsky, Tamar Shor and Zvi Keilen.

Lavid, a member of Kibbutz Hazorea, participated in the establishment of a water-lily farm there, where the plants are grown in fresh water for export. In her doctoral work, she has focused her research on testing the water lily's ability to purify waste and stagnant water of heavy metals.

The team found that the anatomical and physiological characteristics of the water lily made it especially suited for this task, without causing any harm to the plant. Indeed, they found that the plant actually *thrives* in water containing high concentrations of heavy metals such as cadmium, and is capable of absorbing metals to up to 16% of its dry weight.

Last year, a pilot operation was established at the Haifa municipal wastewater treatment plant to test the purification capabilities of the water lily. Results showed a marked reduction of cadmium in the sludge after "treatment" by water lilies.

Other experiments with industrial sludge also showed promising results in removing heavy metals such as cadmium, mercury, nickel and cobalt. Experimental work is still being carried out by the Hebrew University researchers to improve and optimize the purification techniques.

WEB AGAINST ISOLATION

Residents of Kiryat Shmona will soon get expanded computerization and computer communications, and more residents will be taught how to use the Internet, promises Science Minister Silvan Shalom. The ministry has approved the second phase of the computer-literacy program for Kiryat Shmona, which will allow the expansion of community Internet centers in the area.

The program will go into operation within two months, giving additional residents Internet access at no cost. This will reduce their feelings of isolation and make information more accessible during Katyusha attacks and during normal times as well.

Shalom said that, so far, there are 11 Internet facilities in the city and a large number of professionals have been trained to man them. The Kiryat Shmona project is part of the Science Ministry's working plan to set up community Internet centers around the country.

KEEPING MAILMEN HONEST

Mail deliverers' work can now be supervised better, thanks to a new system developed by M.L.L. Control Systems: It can know exactly when the mailman empties public mailboxes. Hanan Raz, the managing director of the company, says that one of the Postal Authority's major problems is making sure that postmen collect mail from the boxes on schedule.

The new M.L.L. technology requires the installation of an identifying disk in each box to be emptied; postal workers get a personal control tag and computerized device for data gathering. When the box is opened, the data are automatically transferred to the device, which can't be tampered with; information also reaches a centralized Postal Authority office. In addition, the system can inform the authorities of overflowing mailboxes and various technical problems.

STUDYING ASLEEP

Wouldn't it be great to be able to study for exams while sleeping? It seems that young birds called zebra finches are able to do just that, providing strong evidence that sleep can play an important role in learning.

A team of researchers at the University of Chicago has shown that while the birds sleep at night, they may be reviewing the songs they've learned from their parents during the day.

Normally, the brain is desensitized to outside stimuli during sleep, partly because of changing concentrations of a neurotransmitter called norepinephrine. But Daniel Margoliash, associate professor of organismal biology and anatomy, neurobiology and psychology, who headed the team, reporting on their work in the journal *Science*, observed an increase in neurological activity during sleep in a region of the zebra-finch brain called the *robustus archistriatalis* (RA), which is involved in singing.

It is generally believed that the activity of the sleeping brain helps to consolidate what was learned during the day, but how this occurs has never been directly shown. "One would expect this area to be quiescent during sleep," says Margoliash, because the birds don't sing in their sleep.

But even when the birds were asleep, Margoliash and his students recorded strong, erratic activity of RA neurons, which in wakeful birds exhibit rapid, regularly oscillating patterns. The team recorded electrical impulses from single neurons in the RA of anesthetized, asleep and awake birds as they listened to recordings of their own songs played back on a computer.

Without fail, birds that were asleep or anesthetized exhibited reduced regular oscillations but showed occasional bursts of strong activity in their RA neural impulse patterns. When the birds occasionally woke up during the night, the bursting patterns quickly disappeared and were replaced by the steady oscillating pattern seen during the day.

"This is surprising because the same neurons that show no response during the day have these strong responses to the bird's own song when they are asleep. It's possible that songs learned during the day affect the bursting patterns of the RA at night, serving to solidify the newly learned songs in the bird's mind," suggests Margoliash.

He now wants to compare the RA bursting patterns seen in sleeping birds to patterns generated in regions of the brain when the bird is singing its own song. If the patterns match, it would provide strong evidence that the bird's brain is "replaying" its song subconsciously as it sleeps.

Neat freak at home, litterbug outside

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul



Eyesores like this one are unfortunately all too common in Israel. (Sarit Uzieli)

It always amazes me. The Israeli housewife is almost obsessed with cleanliness in the home. She scrubs, she polishes, she cleans, she sterilizes – and her Israeli husband expects it.

Yet the moment this couple steps out the door, they leave a trail of litter, as if they were scattering clues to someone following behind.

If the children eat in the car, they throw their candy wrappers and Bamba bags out the window – for after all, we cannot have a dirty car!

I sometimes wonder if the ministers of tourism or the environment get as many letters as *The Jerusalem Post* gets from tourists complaining about the omnipresent litter. If they did, surely something would be done about it.

Litter is everywhere – on the street, by the roadside, all over the beaches, wherever it can be dropped or tossed from a vehicle.

One wonders how a country that invests so much in tourism infrastructure can so blithely allow the situation to exist unhindered.

Every year we suffer grass and forest fires caused by the sun shining through the magnifying glass-like concave bottom of a glass bottle, particularly wine and spirit bottles.

Far more fires are started this way than by someone throwing away a burning cigarette – although this is the first thing people blame forest fires on.

IT shouldn't be too expensive or too difficult to mount a real campaign against littering.

If most of the police force can devote weeks to a program to prevent drunken driving (a problem even they agree is minimal) then a combined effort on the parts of the Environment Ministry, the Tourism Ministry, the police and the courts should certainly be able to impress the seriousness of littering on the public.

It is true that this would take a real effort – and not just an annual photo opportunity depicting the environment minister picking up litter on a public beach.

The responsible ministries might have to empower an army of volunteers who, after a training course, would police littering and issue summons to violators.

This is not a novel idea. The Department of Antiquities and the Nature Reserves Authority have had such volunteer wardens for years.

Police would have to be instructed to take littering seriously – at least as seriously as jaywalking – and the courts would have to impose real fines on offenders.

And the Education Ministry would have to get behind the issue with real vigor, since children are apparently not being taught not to litter at home. Then perhaps children could actually restrain their parents from this habit.

It's a big job – but it can and should be done. If we don't do it and do it soon, like Job we are simply going to find ourselves sitting on our own dunghill.

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A couple of 'Stepmom's to die for



Susan Sarandon and Julia Roberts are rivals in 'Stepmom.'

By HELEN KAYE

Stepmom stars Susan Sarandon, Julia Roberts and producer Wendy Finerman first got together "the day after Susan had won the Oscar for *Dead Man Walking*," recalls Finerman. They met at New York's smart Four Seasons restaurant, where Finerman offered her film to the two actresses.

Both bit. In fact, both ladies are listed as executive producers, and the result of their collaboration (which has already premiered in the US), opens locally this Thursday.

The story goes to the heart of many modern families. Career woman Isabel (Roberts) becomes the de-facto stepmother of her lover Luke's (Ed Harris's) two children, both of whom resent her presence in their lives. It doesn't help that Jackie (Sarandon), the children's natural mother, is one of those supermom types who seem to mother effortlessly.

Naturally, these two tough-minded and vital women loathe one another until circumstances force them together and they unite to preserve the family, and to celebrate their lives.

Both women have said that they identified with their roles. Roberts, who like Isabel is childless (for now at least), says of her character that "she never wanted to be a mom, yet here she is struggling to cope with being an unwanted stepparent because of her relationship with her boyfriend, Luke. Given her age, she's more interested in her career than raising a family, and I can identify with that."

Sarandon, who has three children, has said that her character "in one of her confrontations with Isabel, explains how she feels about raising children, saying that it involves teaching her kids to do the right thing, to steer their own course, to know who they are... Every parent in the audience will be able to identify with that."

Since both stars live in New York, *Stepmom* was filmed in and around the city with scenes in Central Park, Bronxville and a wonderful old Victorian clapboard house in Nyack which was used as the exterior for Jackie's house.

Stepmom's director was Chris Columbus – his film *Mrs. Doubtfire* made producer Finerman think of him, because it also dealt with divorce and familial relationships. But when she first approached him, Columbus turned the script down.

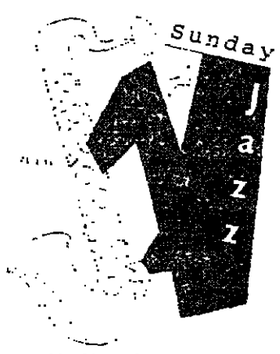
Finerman didn't give up however, and after a fairly intensive rewrite, she sent the script to him again. This time he accepted, not a little because "I was thrilled at the prospect of working with Julia and Susan."

The characters share scenes that are emotionally intense, and Columbus has lavishly praised both actresses, saying that "both had lived with their characters so long, they were in complete command in terms of ... the ability to communicate the most subtle, delicate feeling. It was a joy directing them."

Naturally a movie about stepmoms needs kids, and they are played by veteran child actress Jena Malone and by Liam Akin who appeared on Broadway in Ibsen's *A Doll's House*.

And of course, there are those off-screen stories. Columbus tells how Harris completely rewrote some of his lines for a critical scene while he was at a friend's wedding. That scene, says the director, has become an audience favorite.

Greeks bearing gifts



By David Isaacson

HUMAN TOUCH
Human Touch (NMC)

Last year was the year of the trio. Pianist-singer Diana Krall (who played Eilat) led the way with her piano-bass-guitar combo's *Love Scenes*, while Brad Mehldau, supported by bassist Larry Grenadier and drummer Jorge Rossy, established himself as the most romantic pianist since Bill Evans.

Veteran bassist Ray Brown made a comeback with *Live at Scullers* (featuring pianist Benny Green and drummer Gregory Hutchinson). Verve rereleased Bill Evans's *Live at Montreux* as well as a number of superb offerings by Oscar Peterson's classic trio, and Niacin's *High Bias* gave fusion a face-lift.

The new year brings in Human Touch's eponymous debut.

Stavros Lantsias (keyboards), David Lynch (sax, flute, percussion) and bassist Yiotis Kiourtsoglou play so many instruments, and make such good use of the studio, they barely qualify as a trio. And don't be fooled by their Greek provenance – there's not a bouzouki to be heard. Human Touch is at the sophisticated, modern-jazz end of the world music scene, right up there with Night Ark.

Like that wonderful Armenian band, Human Touch doesn't take itself too seriously, and isn't above pop influences. The '70s-style dance rhythm of "Slainte" nods at Stevie Wonder; "Alone," on which Kiourtsoglou strums exciting new life into the fretless bass, bears a passing resemblance to "Sunrise, Sunset" from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The standout tracks revolve round Lynch's awesome reed-playing. Whether showing how far the jazz flute has come since Eric Dolphy and Yusef Lateef, drawing clean, pure lines on the soprano sax or creating gorgeous melodies on the tenor, Lynch exudes class.

His "Fixing the Roof" is somewhat abrasive, and I have no idea whether the slightly funky "West Bank" is about "our" West Bank, but his "Song for a Love Lost" is beautiful, melancholic *and* accessible, as is an achingly poetic and haunting 10-minute song whose title is listed in Greek only.

In a country which adores Yehuda Poliker and Glykeria alike, and at a label (NMC) which promotes a plethora of Greek music, Human Touch might just get the recognition it deserves.



Barry Sakharof might just be 'the best looking man in Israeli rock.'

Harlap's clarinet concerto premieres in Haifa

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When Aharon Harlap's Clarinet Concerto premieres this week in Haifa, this will not be the first time that the Haifa Symphony Orchestra will perform his music.

Under music director Stanley Sperber, the HSO is one of the greatest champions of Israeli music, commissioning several works a season from local composers and performing them usually with expression, commitment and enthusiasm alike, a practice not so common among local orchestras. Harlap is no exception.

Haifa has almost singlehandedly championed Israeli contemporary music. Granted, other orchestras, like the Jerusalem Symphony or the Israel Chamber, for example, have also presented the occasional Israeli premiere, but not one orchestra here has actually put Israeli music on its banner as has the HSO.

The HSO should be commended for its efforts and indeed it has received various prizes for this musical policy.

The battle for the existence and survival of contemporary Israeli symphonic music is not an easy one. Audiences do not usually appreciate this effort. They prefer Mozart and Beethoven to Zehavi and Permont. They would rather hear Johann Strauss than Gil Shohat.

The quality of the Israeli music presented is not at stake, as far as the audiences are concerned – it is the principle which is. They simply avoid it like the plague.

But Sperber does not let them get away with it. For years now his HSO has been, and still is, commissioning new Israeli music and performing it in a most exciting way, on a regular basis, in its subscription concerts.

Obviously not every new work has turned out to be a masterpiece. But the only way to succeed in anything is to keep trying. And Sperber and the HSO do just that.

Harlap dedicated the concerto to HSO principal clarinetist Orit Orbach. He says that "the melodic and virtuoso qualities of her playing are to a great extent exploited in this work, from the clariner's entrance to the triumphant conclusion of the piece."

Naturally she will perform the concerto. One of the most talented Israeli musicians of the younger generation, Orbach is a true performer who has done a lot to showcase both the more and less familiar clarinet repertoire in Haifa.

Every time she plays her instrument, her devotion to the music enchants, as does her immaculate musicianship, her caressing sound and her amazing stage presence. Orbach is a consummate musician and, together with Sperber and the HSO, there is no doubt that she will perform this new opus in a most exhilarating way.

The HSO has performed several of Harlap's works and even recorded his second symphony, *Bird of War*, not long ago. This is a very programmatic work featuring a lot of *angst* between more soothing sections.

In this specific opus, Harlap tries to shock the listener and catch him unguarded, as if in the midst of war. He contrasts moods and styles in an abrupt fashion which has an effect but at times is too disturbing.

That said, the symphony as a whole is a solid musical work which is well written.

Harlap, who was born in Canada where he began his musical career as a pianist, is well known as a choral, opera and orchestral conductor as well as a composer. He has conducted all the local orchestras as well as orchestras abroad. His compositions have been performed all over the world and feature works for choirs, chamber ensembles and symphonic orchestra.

In 1979, he was awarded a prize in an international competition on the subject of the Holocaust and Rebirth, for his oratorio, *The Fire and the Mountain*, and in 1982 received the ACUM prize. In 1993, he was awarded the Mark Lavry prize for composition by the Haifa municipality for his choral work, *For from dust you are, and to dust you shall return*. He has just been awarded the 1998 Prime Minster's Prize for composition.

The HSO premieres Aharon Harlap's Clarinet Concerto this Saturday at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim and next Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium, all at 8:30 p.m.

Barry Sakharof looms high

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

NEGIOTH
Barry Sakharof
NMC

Barry Sakharof looms high above the Israeli music scene like Godzilla looking down on the streets of Tokyo. He is one of the country's best guitarists, boasting a fluid, aggressive playing style reminiscent of Jimi Hendrix.

His artistic credibility comes from years of collaboration with Rami Fortis, the godfather of Israeli alternative music. But at the same time, Sakharof is capable of coming up with accessible tunes which become big chart hits. And to top it all off, his movie star visage could easily win him the category of "best-looking man in Israeli rock."

Sakharof has spent the last decade or so developing a unique sound from a collision of different elements. His basic musical instincts clearly come from the world of rock 'n' roll. However, he has always shown an interest in electronic music. As a result, he produces edgy rock with clear features of dance music.

Negioth ("Touches"), Sakharof's latest effort, continues this experimentation while throwing in some new and unexpected sounds. The result is a fascinating postmodern musical tapestry, the perfect background record for a premillennial cocktail party.

Touches retains the classic hallmarks of Sakharof's first three solo albums. Along with the distinctive guitar work, the songs feature breakbeats, murky sampled sounds, and trip hop-inspired rhythms. Like his other albums, it features a handful of radio-friendly singles, including his rendition of "The Song Still Returns," an old Israeli song based on a poem by Natan Alterman which was originally featured on the *Avoda Ivrit* covers collection.

At the same time, Sakharof trots out several tracks designed to challenge the ears. "Foreign Land" and "Time Tunnel" provide a musical assault of dissonance and white noise using electronic instruments.

Sakharof's greatest talent may be his ability to find a balance between the harsh and the sweet, mixing pleasant melodies in with the white noise. This can best be seen on a track such as "Slaves." The song starts on a mellow Shlomo Artzi-type note, combining acoustic guitar and piano. He then breaks out the fiery guitar licks and the song becomes a driving rock anthem, blending in the quieter elements.

While the overall style of *Touches* resembles Sakharof's other albums, it also shows a new ethnic dimension. Like many of his musical colleagues this year, Sakharof has discovered Middle Eastern music.

Arab singing and instrumentation form part of the background on a number of the songs.

On "Summer City," he samples the singer Shushan who performs in the traditional Arab *mawalli* style. He overlays this singing with a happy-sounding South American horn section and a muted dance beat. The combination is both weird and compelling.

The best use of Middle Eastern motifs can be found on "A Complete Heart," the standout track on the album. Here Sakharof mines his Turkish background and strikes gold. The tough, melodic sound of the song is boosted by a five-person string section. The strings play tonal blue notes in a Middle Eastern style, accompanied by a traditional Turkish bagpipe. For sheer power and vitality, "A Complete Heart" may very well be the song of the year.

Sakharof engages an interesting group of friends to come up with the unique sound on *Touches*. Yizhar Ashdot is on board to help with the production. The album also features a variety of guest artists such as Monika Sex guitarist Peter Roth, singer/drummer Johnny Shuali, and singer Karin Postel, who contributes her talent as a cellist to the "A Complete Heart" string section.

What Sakharof has planned for the future is anybody's guess. For the meantime, *Touches* is clearly one of the most interesting albums of the year.

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Woman caught sleeping in Brad Pitt's house

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) – A 19-year-old woman arrested for sleeping in actor Brad Pitt's bedroom and wearing his clothes while the actor was not home was freed from jail without bail on Friday.

Athena Marie Rolando was arrested on Thursday after a caretaker found her asleep in Pitt's home in the Hollywood Hills, dressed in his green sweatshirt, blue sweatpants, blue hat, and tennis shoes.

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Why Israeli dentists are down in the mouth

Dental advertising would pose a serious threat to quality dental care, concerned professionals warn. **Judy Siegel-Itzkovich** reports



The dental association is urging people to choose a 'dentist for life' rather than a series of dentists in commercial clinics. (IDF Spokesman)

Dr. Engelbert Caries, a superb, caring and painless dentist patronized by MKs and Channel Two TV stars, offers you a special deal in his elegant Ramat Aviv Gimmel clinic: two fillings for the price of one; a root canal free for every three crowns or bridges. Free framed panoramic X-rays and a color portrait when treatment is done.

Call now before the amalgam and porcelain run out!

Will ads such as this one become the norm in Israel, which has prided itself for decades on the fact that its dentists attract new patients on the basis of reputation and not advertising?

Will dentistry go the way of those private clinics that claim in bombastic radio ads to cure impotence and put your hemorrhoids "behind you"?

The Israel Dental Association (IDA), the Hebrew University-Hadassah and Tel Aviv University dental schools and consumer organizations fear that this is just what will happen if dental advertising becomes legal – for the first time, albeit *with restrictions* – *via* a government-sponsored bill up before the Knesset.

The bill was initiated not by some MK with vested interests, but by the *Justice Ministry itself*, with enthusiastic backing from Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

This kind of legislation has long been opposed by the dental health department of the Health Ministry, but it has had the support of a *number of ministry* directors-general, including the incumbent Prof. Gabi Barabash. Their grounds are that, with the Internet and other uncontrollable mass media, it just isn't possible to stop health care professionals promoting themselves.

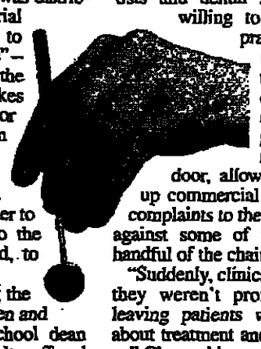


BUT issues such as advertising, commercial dental clinics owned by businessmen and keeping dental standards high took a back seat at the recent international scientific conference of the IDA and the Alpha-Omega Dental Fraternity, held recently at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem.

Attended by some 1,200 dentists from around the country, the conference devoted nearly all its sessions to strictly professional matters like dental implants, new materials such as resin ionomer hybrids, cosmetic dentistry and treating halitosis (bad breath).

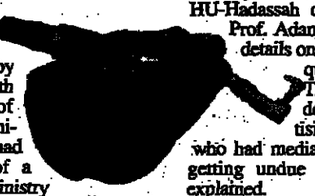
Major issues that threaten to shake the very foundations of Israeli dentistry were barely mentioned, except at the festive opening. Then, IDA chairman Dr. Yitzhak Chen vehemently denied claims that commercial dental clinics were the future of the profession, and that the independent practitioner was being squeezed out.

The IDA, Chen said, was distributing information material encouraging the public to choose a "dentist for life" – someone who knows the patient well and takes responsibility for his or her care – rather than seeing a series of dentists in commercial clinics mainly out for profit.



"We must work together to return the profession to the dentists," Chen declared, to much applause.

In an interview during the two-day conference, Chen and HU-Hadassah dental school dean Prof. Adam Stabholtz offered details on the threats to high-quality dentistry.



The old law barring dentists from advertising prevented those who had media connections from getting undue prominence, they explained.

In the past, health fund-owned dental clinics were not for profit and aimed at providing decent care at a lower price than private dentists; they were not required to charge VAT.

Today, these clinics are commercial chains using the health funds' names, and the aim is to make money. Most of their dentists are either working overtime beyond their private clinics, or new immigrants or others without the reputation or means to open their own private clinics.

Now that the health funds' dental services are corporations, the tax authorities are insisting they charge patients VAT; a court case involving one of the funds – which has refused to add VAT to dental fees – has dragged on for years.

But private dentists, unlike private doctors, must charge VAT. "The income-tax authorities say it's a way of keeping their eye on dentists' earnings," Chen said with disdain.

The Sheetrit Law, a private member's bill initiated by Likud MK Meir Sheetrit and passed by the Knesset in 1986, was the first step toward the commercialization of dentistry here.

Sheetrit, upset that very few dentists and dental specialists were willing to set up private practices in Yavne (where he was then mayor) and other small and outlying towns, gave businessmen a foot in the door, allowing them to set up commercial clinics. Despite *complaints to the Health Ministry* against some of these clinics, a handful of the chains remain.

"Suddenly, clinics closed because they weren't profitable enough, *leaving patients with complaints* about treatment and no one to turn to," Chen said.

"We're working in the Knesset for the abolition of the Sheetrit Law. *Now the ministry itself is on our side.*"

ANOTHER burning issue is commercial dental insurance. Today *600,000 Israelis* have group insurance policies through their place of work or other organization.

"The companies decide what level of health care patients will get," Stabholtz said. "The situation is different from the US, in which a company will offer partial dental coverage to staffers, depending on the terms of their individual contract.

"A manager may get 70% of dental charges by a dentist he chooses, paid for by the insurance company, while an employee lower-down gets less. *But at least they get to choose* the private dentist they wish."

In Israel, however, free choice of one's dentist under such arrangements is rare.

"An insurance company goes to 500 dentists, who often don't have enough work, lists them in a booklet and sends those covered to any of the dentists," said Chen.

"The company then offers a *NIS* 10 subsidy for a filling, and takes the rest of the patient's fee as a profit. This has made many dentists slaves to the insurance companies.

When dentists are faced with earning NIS 10 for a filling, they're forced to lower the quality of the dental materials they use, and the patients suffer."

Stabholtz noted that in one foreign country, insurance companies *offered special bonuses to dentists* who treated a minimum number of patients in a day.

"Soon it became clear that dentists were spending most of their time extracting teeth instead of painstakingly repairing them, so the whole system collapsed."

DENTAL services, which are not included in the "basket" of health services and for which income-tax deductions have not been allowed for over a decade, are very expensive, the dental school dean continued.

"There is the cost of all the equipment – autoclaves and latex gloves – for preventing the spread of viral diseases like AIDS and hepatitis B and C. Then there are the expensive imported materials, new resins and polymers, required for modern care.

"Because of the high cost, most Israelis go to a dentist only when they have an acute problem like a toothache, instead of seeing him or her regularly for preventive care.

"With fewer potential patients, quite a few dentists are underemployed, and a growing number of newly graduated dentists are women who prefer to work part-time. More than half of our dental school classes are women," Stabholtz disclosed.

Ways of encouraging dentists who graduated years ago to update their knowledge and techniques is a major aim of the IDA and the dental schools.

"There's no law requiring a dentist to take a course after graduation," he added. "You can't force a dentist to prove himself all his life through relicensing courses, and the Health Ministry doesn't have the ability or the funds to supervise mandatory examinations."

An alternative, favored by the IDA and the dental schools, *is to* institute courses bearing bonus points.

"Dentists should be offered courses at the dental schools – absolutely not by commercial companies selling new dental materials – and when they earn a certain number of points they would be given a certificate to hang on their wall so patients would know they were continually upgrading their professional expertise," Chen said.

The Jerusalem dental school has launched a program offering 18 dental-care units for continuing education courses.

The IDA also urges that differential payments be set on dentists' insurance policies protecting practitioners against malpractice and negligence suits; and that dentists who have accrued a large number of bonus points after taking courses be charged less, as they are less likely to be sued.

Free second opinions for the impecunious



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Well-off people with private health insurance have no problem getting a second opinion from [illegible] will volunteer to provide free second opinions to needy patients referred by Yad Sarah and Eran crisis intervention centers.

Both organizations have set up clinics in which patients will be examined by specialists in various fields, who will decide which cases deserve consultation.

Once the number of volunteer specialists increases, the general public will be invited to apply for consultation and an appointment will be made for an available and suitable doctor.

Foreign specialists visiting the country have already begun to offer their second opinions, free, at Beit Terumot.

One of the world's leading plastic surgeons arrived here from Boston recently and examined 14 patients in need of urgent and complicated surgery.

One girl's condition so touched the doctor that he suggested she come to his Massachusetts hospital for a free operation.

An ear-nose-and-throat specialist from Pittsburgh also saw a number of patients for free during a visit to Bnei Brak.

Examination rooms with expensive equipment were prepared and paid for with contributions to Ezra Le'Marpeh.

One large donation was given by Miriam Friedman, who donated funds in memory of her husband and children, who were killed in the Holocaust.

Does makeup need an expiry date?



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Does using mascara, powder, makeup and other cosmetics for months at a time increase the danger of infection? Should one throw these away every few months, as some companies advise – or do they recommend this only for their own financial benefit? A.Y., Ramat Hasharon

Dr. Dov Stempler, a dermatologist at Assaf Harofe Hospital in Tzrifin, replies:

Packages of cosmetics don't have to bear an expiry date beyond which they should not be used, because they are manufactured under sterile conditions and don't spoil when hermetically sealed.

Cosmetics generally contain preservatives to prevent microbes taking hold and multiplying once the container is open, so there is no reason to worry about bacteria on your hands or face "infecting" the cosmetics.

In general, cosmetics companies' recommendations of frequent turnover is based on their own financial benefit. I'm not certain whether face powder contains preservatives; but I still doubt there could be a problem.

If there is any reason to be careful about months of using an opened product, it is when using eye cosmetics. If you have had an eye infection, be careful not to apply eyeliner or mascara with an applicator that might have become contaminated.

In any event, it's a good rule not to use cosmetics that have changed color or smell odd. It's also an idea to clean powder puffs and makeup brushes occasionally.



Care needs to be taken with eye cosmetics – after an eye infection, for example.

A friend has developed a lipoma on her neck, and it looks very ugly, although I understand it is benign.

Her doctor has suggested both a biopsy and a CT scan, but she is afraid that a biopsy, or any other interference with the lipoma, might turn this accumulation of fat into something malignant. She is prepared to live with it rather than take the risk. A holistic doctor gave her a special diet some months ago, but it has not reduced the size of the lipoma at all.

Are her fears unfounded? She is a young woman, and the lipoma is spoiling her looks. Is there anything one can do aside from surgery? D.W., Jerusalem

Dr. Stempler handles this question too:

A lipoma is a mass of solid fat cells. It is soft, unconnected to surrounding tissue and not malignant. Lipomas can easily be removed in minor, no-risk surgery through a small incision in the skin.

Taking a biopsy or removing the lipoma completely does not change it in any way, nor will it make the lipoma malignant. Since it is on your friend's neck, the doctor probably wanted to see the exact location of the blood vessels in the area.

Even if the carotid artery is nearby, a lipoma can be successfully removed, but a computerized tomography scan is recommended to determine where the blood vessel is in relation to the growth.

It's amazing how many people believe that a biopsy can cause a skin growth – benign or malignant – to spread. This is not true. In the distant past, dermatologists didn't remove most growths unless they were malignant. Today we remove many "beauty marks" and other growths from the skin without any danger.

But people may have heard of someone with melanoma who had the skin tumor removed and later died. This is due to the cancerous cells having previously metastasized into the body, not to the removal of the skin tumor itself.

My husband, in his 50s, recently developed tinnitus (chronic ringing in the ears). My father suffered from this and his doctors advised him to cut down on salt. Is there any proven connection between reducing salt intake and improvement of the condition? H.E., Jerusalem

Dr. Michael Wolf, a senior otolaryngologist at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, comments:

There is no proven connection between dietary changes, including reduced salt intake, and alleviation of tinnitus.

The reason for most cases of tinnitus is unknown, but we think it may be due to damage to the cochlea in the inner ear or to the auditory nerve, an infection, or other causes. We use empirical treatment, and nothing is highly successful.

Your father may have had hypertension or too much liquid in his inner ear and was thus told to reduce salt intake; but there is no proof of any connection between high blood pressure and tinnitus.

Some medications for hypertension can themselves cause ringing in the ears. Every tinnitus patient needs an individualized examination, after which a variety of treatments can be tried, including self-hypnosis and biofeedback.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting.

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A clinic for babies adopted from faraway places

By SANDRA VAN

When Andrew and Allison Sievers adopted a baby from Viemam at the end of October, they wanted to be sure he was healthy, and that his vaccinations were current, accurate and complete. The couple, previously from Los Angeles and currently living in Tokyo, took five-month-old Evan to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where the division of pediatric infectious diseases is developing a clinic specializing in internationally adopted babies.

"We had wanted to adopt internationally, and knew that we were getting a child from a Third World country where the medical care was not nearly what it is here," said Allison. "We also knew that whatever medical information we received from the country had to be considered suspect because we've heard that they often use outdated vaccinations or out-and-out lies."

Division director Dr. Moshe Arditi said American families adopt about 10,000 foreign children each year, with approximately 90% of them coming from Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

"Infectious disease considerations are very important in these patients because many infections are asymptomatic: Diagnosis can only be made through screenings. Also, a history and physical exam should be performed when the children arrive in the US."

According to Arditi, some studies show that infectious diseases may be found in as many as 60% of adopted children, depending on their country of origin. Because of the prevalence of such infections as tuberculosis, hepatitis B, cytomegalovirus, syphilis and HIV, particular attention should be paid to those screenings, as well as to tests given to rule out a variety of intestinal parasites.

"Since international adoptees are frequently not immunized – or under-immunized – they should receive necessary vaccinations based on the current recommendations in the US," said Arditi.

EXCEPT for suffering from scabies, ringworm and eczema, little Evan – whose legal name at the present time is Tran Van Loi – was found to be in excellent health. Allison said she and her husband were committed to dealing with any diseases Evan might have, but felt relief when they got the good news.

"I trust the results. It's not like the results from a foreign country whose medical care you don't understand," said Allison. "We live in Tokyo and the medical care in Tokyo is just different. Since we don't speak Japanese fluently at all, we wanted to make sure we had Evan checked out by a doctor whose nuances we completely understood."

Because the couple expect to return to Los Angeles in a few years, they wanted to have Evan's exam done there.

Allison said that after trying unsuccessfully to find "somebody who specialized in this kind of stuff," she found out about the pediatric infectious disease specialists at Cedars-Sinai through a friend of a friend.

Evan became the first baby seen in the clinic, which specializes in internationally adopted children, but also includes a component for local children whose families plan to travel abroad.

"When we adopted Evan, there were two other families who were adopting at the same time," Allison said. "They had talked to their local pediatricians and were going home and going to their own doctors.

"That was fine, but it never occurred to me to just go to a pediatrician. I assumed Evan would have something a general pediatrician might not be able to identify. I didn't want to spend six months trying to figure out what the problem was."

While examination and screening tests for infectious diseases are not necessary immediately after a child's arrival in the US, Arditi recommends they be performed within two weeks to help protect the baby, the family and the local community.

(Cedars-Sinai News Service)



The joy of parenthood – without the worry of unknown diseases. (Nissan Shorer)

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Applied Magnetics	7.75	+0.125
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Bankers Trst NY	86.5	-0.4375
Barnes & Noble	41.9375	-0.375
Battle Mount Gd	4.6875	+0.0625
Bausch & Lomb	57.8125	-0.6875
Baxter Intl	65.5	-0.0625
Becton Dickinson	41.5625	+1.5625
Bed Bath & Bynd	32.9375	-0.75
Bell Atlantic	56.625	+0.625
Bell Industries	11.3125	-0.0625
BellSouth	49.5	+1.375
HA Belo Corp	19.875	+1.0625
Beneficial Corp	19.625	+0
Bethlehem Steel	10.3125	+0.375
Beverly Entprs	6.5	+0
Biomet	37.8125	-0.875
Black & Decker	59.625	+0.5625
Boeing	35.8125	+0
Boise Cascade	34.9375	+2.5
Books a Million	14.5	+0.375
Borden Inc	28.75	+0.625
Bowater Inc	45.75	+2
Briggs & Strttn	50.75	+1.0625
Bristl Myrs Sqb	131.25	-1.125
Brit Airws ADR	67.8125	+0.1875
Brit Steel ADR	18.5	-0.1875
Brit Telecom	159.125	-4.125
Brown Group	17	-0.3125
Brown & Sharpe	8.3125	+0.25
Browning Ferris	29.125	-0.4375
Brunswick	23.875	+0.75
Burlington Nthn	34.875	+0.875
Burlington Res	37.375	+0.375
CBS Inc	35.125	+1.5625
CMS Energy Corp	45.875	-0.375
CSX Corporation	44.875	+1.75
Cabot Corp	28.25	-0.125
Campbell Soup	52.25	-1.625
Canadian Pac	21.5	+0.0625
Capital Cts ABC	56.125	-0.4375
Capstead	5.6875	+1
Caremark Corp	26.875	-0.625
Carnival Corp	46	-0.8125
Carolina Pwr Lt	45.1875	-0.875
Carpenter Tech	36.625	+0.6875
Caterpillar	51	+2.0625
Centex Corp	42.125	-1.4375
Central & SW	27.4375	-0.1875
Ceridian	72.25	+0.1875
Champion Intl	43.875	+2.875
Chrmg Shoppes	4.09375	-0.09375
Chase Manhattan	75.5	-1.5625
Chevron Corp	83.9375	+0.0625
Citigroup Inc	57.9375	-0.5625
Chiquita Brands	10.0625	+0.125
Cholestech	4.5	+0.25
Chubb Corp	65.125	-0.1875
Cisco	106.688	+3.0625
Clevel Cliffs	42.9375	+0.5
Clorox	113.625	-1.3125
Coastal Corp	34.375	-0.6875
Coca Cola	68	-1.4375
Coca Cola Ent	33.3125	+0.375
Colgate Palmon	85.6875	-3.3125
Comcast Corp A	60.625	-1.125
Compaq	45.375	+0.8125
Computer Ass Int	48.625	+2.0625
Computer Sci	66.125	-1.5625
Conagra	34.25	+1.0625
Cons Edison	51.25	-0.25
Cons Freightwys	35.8125	+2.1875
Cons Nat Gas	53.8125	+0.1875
Cooper Inds	47.5	+1
Coors (Adolph)	59	+1.25
Corning Inc	48.3125	+0.0625
Crane	30.375	-0.4375
Crompton Knowles	19.875	-0.25
Crown Cork Seal	33.4375	+1
Cummins Engine	37.875	+1.125
Curtiss-Wright	38.8125	+0
Cypress Semicon	9.3125	+0.4375
Cypress Mineral	11.8125	+1
Cytec Indust	22.5625	-0.1875
DaimlerChrys	107.125	-0.625
DQE	43.0625	-0.125
Dallas Semi	40.0625	-0.3125
Dana Corp	42.375	+1.125
Data General	18.375	-0.6875
Dayton Hudson	55.6875	+0
De Beers	14	+0.5
Deere	36.5	+2.1875
Dell Computers	77.8125	-0.375
Delta Air Lines	59.75	-0.1875
Deluxe Corp	36.9375	-0.1875
Detroit Edison	43.6875	+0.25
Dial Corp Del	27.625	-1.0625
Diebold Inc	36.6875	-0.4375
Dillard Dep St	28.5625	-0.4375
Disney (Walt)	32.5625	+0.8125
Dominion Res	45.75	-0.5
Donnelley (RR)	43.8125	+0.875
Dover Corp	35.375	-0.1875
Dow Chemicals	95.0625	+4.125
Dow Jones	48.25	+0.5625
Duke Power	64	-0.6875
Dun & Bradst	31.5625	+0.5625
Du Pont	59.5	+1.5625
E G & G Corp	29.25	+0.1875
Eastern Ents	42.875	-0.875
Eastman Kodak	72.3125	-0.3125
Eaton Corp	71.5	-0.125
Egghead Com	22.125	+0.4375
Emerson Elec	64.875	+0.75
Engelhard Corp	19.625	-0.5625
Enron Corp	65.125	+3.125
Entergy Corp	30.75	+0
Enzo Biochem	10.0625	-0.0625
Equifax Inc	35.5625	-0.125
Ericsson	26.8125	-0.9375
Ethyl Corp	6.5	+0
Exide Corp	21.25	+0.5
Exxon	74.3125	-0.4375
FMC Corp	58.3125	+0.375
FPL Group	60.125	-0.375
Fedders Corp	5.25	+0
Federal Express	87.9375	+0.625
Federal Mogul	62.3125	+1.125
Fed Nat Mtge	72.3125	-2.5
First Union	65.0625	+1.1875
Fruit of the Loom	18.5	+1
Fst Union Rlty	5.75	-0.1875
Fleet Finl Grp	46.75	-0.875
Fleetwd Enterp	37.0625	-0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	10.625	+0.125
Florida Prog	43.4375	-0.375
Fluor Corp	41.875	+0.125
Food Lion Inc	10.6875	+0.25
Ford Motor	65	+3.1875
Fortune Brands	31.125	+0.0625
Foster Wheeler	14.1875	+0.4375
Furniture Brands	26.875	-0.1875
Gateway 2000	57.1875	-1.4375
GATX Corp	39.1875	+0.125
GTE Corp	65.25	-0.875
Gannett	70.25	+3.5625
Gap Inc Del	61.1875	-1.9375
Gencorp	24.375	-0.4375
Gen Am Invest	31.5	-0.0625
Gen Dynamics	56.0625	-0.9375
Gen Electric	102.375	-0.5625
Gen Mills	81.375	+1.6875
Gen Motors	80.0625	+2.5
Gen Motors H	43.4375	-0.5
Gen Public Util	44.5	-0.3125
Gen Reinsurance		-
Gen DataComm	3.125	+0.125
Genuine Parts	32.5	+0.3125
Georgia Pac	69.25	+2.75
Germany Fund	15.3125	+0.0625
Gillette	45.875	-1.125
Glaxo ADR	75.1875	+0.3125
Golden W Finl	88.75	-1.4375
Goodrich (BF)	35.75	+0.6875
Goodyear Tire	53.375	+0.375
Grace (W&R)	16.0625	-0.25
Grainger (WW)	42.125	+1.125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29.6875	+0.125
Grt Central Mine	2.6875	+0.0625
Gulf Canada Res	3.3125	-0.0625
Halliburton	34.375	-1.125
Hanna (MA)	12.9375	+0.4375
Harcourt	53.4375	-0.75
Harley Davidson	46.5625	-0.25
Harnischfeger	10.3125	+0.25
Harrah's Ent	16.375	-0.0625
Harris Corp	38.875	+0.3125
Harsco Corp	30.875	-0.375
Hartmarx	5.4375	+0.0625
Hasbro	34.3125	-1.1875
HBO & Co	31.4375	+0.6875
Health Care Ppl	30.4375	+0.25
Hecla Mining	4.25	+0.25
Heinz (HJ)	56.625	+0.3125
Helix Technol	16.25	-0.1875
Hmrch & Payne	20.5	-0.1875
Hercules	27.875	+0.375
Hershey Foods	63	+0.1875
Hewlett Packard	73.0625	+0.1875
Hilton Hotels	15.8125	+0.5625
Hirsch Int	4.6875	-0.3125
Hollinger	14.125	+0.25
Home Depot	58.125	-0.3125
Homestake	11.125	+0.125
Honeywell	77	-1
Hormel (Geo)	33.0625	-0.3125
Household Intl	44	+1.125
Houston Inds	31.5	-0.4375
Humana	19.5625	-0.5625
IBM	187.563	-2.625
Illinova Corp	24.9375	+0.1875
Illinois Tool	64.6875	+1.5625
INCO	13.0625	+1.5625
Ind Comm Bank	15.875	+0
Ingersoll Rand	49.4375	+1.25
Inland Steel	19.75	+1.1875
Intel Corp	129.688	+0.4375
Intergraph	5.4375	-0.125
Interlake	6.9375	+0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	44.3125	+1.0625
Intl Multifoods	25.4375	-0.875
Intl Paper	45.5	+2.9375
Interpublic	76.75	+0.875
Jefferson Plt	77.375	+2.8125
Johnson & J	83.25	+0.0625
K Mart	15.8125	-0.1875
K Tel Int	10.9375	+0
Kaiser Alum	8.625	+0.1875
Kellogg	37.3125	-0.1875
KLA Instruments	52.875	-0.375
Kennametal	21.5	-0.0625
Kerr-McGee	39.3125	+0.6875
KeyCorp	33.5	+0.125
Kimberly-Clark	54	+1.0625
King World Prod	28.75	+0.3125
Knight Ridder	52.75	+1.4375
Kroger	57.1875	+0.0625
LSI Logic	19.4375	-0.4375
Legget & Platt	22.3125	+0.125
Leucadia Natl	31.875	+0
Lilly (Eli)	78.875	-3.5
Limited Inc	30.75	-0.625
Linear Technol	92.5	-1.125
Lincoln Nat	83.6875	+1.4375
Litton	62.1875	-0.3125
Liz Claiborne	34.625	-0.25
Lockheed Corp	38.9375	+0.0625
Loews Corp	103.75	+3.3125
Lone Star	36.4375	+0
Longs Drug Strs	37.125	+0.25
Loral Corp	19.25	-0.375
Louisiana Pacl	19.625	+0.5625
Lowe's Co Inc	54.6875	+0.875
Lucent Tech	115.25	-1.25
Lubrizol	26.0625	-0.25
Madge	4.3125	+0.375
Mallinckrodt	31.1875	+0.5625
Mapco Inc	13	+0.0625
Marriott	34	+1.4375
Mrsh & McLn	61	+1.5
Masco Corp	28.75	+1.1875
Massmutual Corp	24.75	+1.5
Mattel Inc	22.75	-0.25
May Dept St	64.125	+0.25
Maytag Corp	64	+1.4375
McDermott	26.5625	-0.0625
McDonalds	80.5	+2.625
McGraw Hill	107.938	+0.5625
McKesson Corp	85.8125	+2
Mead Corp	32.375	+2.1875
Medtronic	71.875	+0.1875
Mellon Bk	71.5625	-0.625
Mentor Graphics	10.6875	+0.6875
Merck Inc	153.813	+1.5
Meredith Corp	38.6875	-0.1875
Merrill Lynch	77.375	-0.25
Micron Technol	63.625	+0.625
Microsoft Corp	148.875	-0.625
Millipore	30.75	-0.125
Mine Safety App	67.75	+0.25
Minnesota Mining	77.125	+0.375
Mitchell Energy	13.625	+0.5625
Mobil Corp	89.8125	-0.0625
Molex Inc	31.3125	-0.0625
Monarch Machl	7	+0
Monsanto	45.375	-0.625
Morgan (JP)	114.438	+1.4375
Morton Intl	25.8125	+0.375
Motorola Inc	69.625	+1.375
Murphy Oil	41.625	+0.1875
Nacco Inds	95.0625	+1.5625
Nalco Chemical	30	-0.25
Nashua Corp	14.625	-0.8125
Natl City Corp	75.625	+1.375
Natl Semi	15.125	-0.0625
Natl Serv Ind	37.6875	+0.625
NatWest Bank	120	+2
Newstar Int	31	-0.5
Netscape	61.9375	-1.5
New England El	48.125	+0.0625
News Corp	26.375	-0.6875
NY Times	35.875	+2.375
Newmont Mining	20.25	-0.375
Niag Mohawk	15.875	-0.1875
Nicor Inc	42.125	+0
Nike Inc	43.875	+0.9375
NL Industries	13.75	-0.0625
Noble Affil	25.5625	+0.5625
Nokia	135	-5
Nordstrom	36.125	-0.375
Norfolk Southrn	31.5	+0.3125
Northeast Util	16	-0.25
Northern Telecom	55.75	-0.25
Novell	19.5	-0.0625
Nthn State Pwr	27.3125	-0.1875
Northrop	65.25	-2.75
NSI	0.3125	-0.03125
Occidental Pet	17.375	-0.0625
Ogden Corp	26.8125	+0.5625
OEA	15.0625	+0.8125
Ohio Casualty	41.1875	-0.1875
Olin Corp	28.8125	+0.5625
Omnicom Group	57.9375	+0.125
Oneok Inc	35.3125	-0.125
Oracle Systems	46.25	+0.625
Oryx Energy Co	14	+0.3125
Oshkosh B'gosh	19.4688	-0.28125
Overseas Ship	18.5625	+0.1875
Owens Corning	34.9375	-1.0625
PNC Financial	54	+0.5
PPG Industries	63.5	+2.5
Paccar Inc	43.5	-0.25
Pac Gas & Elect	30	-0.25
Pall Corp	25.4375	+0.0625
Parker Drilling	4.25	+0.0625
Parker Hannifin	34.375	+0.4375
Payless Shoe	49.625	-0.25
Penney (JC)	42.5	-0.5
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27.4375	-0.1875
Pennzoil	15.9375	+0.125
People's Energy	38.25	-0.3125
Pepsico	41.375	+0.625
Perkin Elmer	95.9375	-1.9375
Pfizer	122.25	-2.3125
Pharmacia & Upj	56.5	+0.125
Phelps Dodge	60.5	+5.25
Philadel Elec	39.25	-0.4375
Philip Morris	54.625	+1.0625
Philips Elec	75.8125	+0.5625
Phillips Pet	42.3125	-0.3125
Phycor Inc	7.90625	+0.53125
Pioneer Hi Bred	28.9375	-0.4375
Pitney Bowes	64.4375	-0.6875
Policy Mgt Sys	52.5	-0.375
Polycom	25.1875	+0.5625
Potash Corp	69.5	+2.625
Potomac El Pwr	25.5625	-0.1875
Procter & Gamble	89.1875	-1.6875
Promus Hotel Cor	33.4375	+0.625
Pub Svc Enterpr	40.125	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	27.375	-0.4375
Quaker Oats	61	+1.25
Qualcom	60.25	+0.3125
Quanex Corp	23	-0.0625
RJR Nabisco	29.9375	+0.25
Ralston Purina	32.4375	+1.0625
Rank Orgnsn ADR	7	+0.0625
Raychem Corp	29	+0.125
Raytheon A	53.875	+0
Raytheon B	55.375	-0.0625
Reebok Intl	15.25	-0.4375
Republic NY	48.125	-0.0625
Reynolds Reyn A	22.1875	+0.375
Reynolds Metals	56.9375	+3.25
Rite Aid Corp	50.9375	+0.9375
Rockwell Intl	44.125	+0.0625
Rohm & Haas	33.0625	+1.125
Rouse	27.125	-0.125
Rowan	10.875	-0.375
Royal Dutch	46.875	-0.125
Rubbermaid	31.75	-0.0625
Ruddick	20.8125	+0.25
Russell Corp	20	-0.0625
Ryder System	26.8125	+1.0625
SPS Technology	52.625	-2.875
Safeco Corp	41.75	-0.1875
Safety-Kleen	15.9375	+0.5
St Paul's Cos	35.3125	+0.1875
Sara Lee Corp	26.6875	-0.9375
Schering Plough	54.875	-1.9375
Schlumberger	52.0625	-1.3125
Scientif Atlanta	29.375	+2.125
Scripps	50.25	+0.625
Seagate Tech	37.375	+1.625
Seagram	40.0625	+0.75
Sears Roebuck	43.625	-1.75
Sempra Energy	25.3125	-0.375
Sensormatic Elec	9.875	-0.0625
Sequent Computer	13	+0.9375
Service Corp I	38.5	+0.3125
Service Master	20.4375	-0.5
Shell Trans	36.5625	-0.3125
Sherwin Wllms	29.25	-0.25
Shoney's Inc	1.75	+0.0625
Sigma Aldrich	29.5	+0.375
Silicon Graphics	18.3125	+1.0625
Skyline Corp	31.1875	-0.6875
Smith Intl	31.8125	-0.625
SmKline Bchm A	76.0625	+0.6875
Snap-On-Tools	36.1875	+0.625
Sonat	27.375	+0.0625
Sonoco Prods	28.75	+0.6875
Sony Corp ADR	88.75	-1.25
Southdown	58.625	-0.125
Southern Co	28.75	+0
Southw Airlines	28.5625	+3.0625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	57.6875	+1.8125
Spring Inds	40.0625	-0.4375
Sprint Corp	79	-1.375
Standard Prods	20.8125	+0.125
Stanley Works	27.5625	+0.0625
Storage Technol	35.0625	+1.0625
Sun America	1.4375	+0.0625
Sunbeam Corp	7.375	-0.0625
Sun Company	36.6875	-0.1875
Sundstrand	50.1875	+1.0625
Sun Microsystms	90.875	+1.1875
Sunshine Mining	0.825	+0.0625
Suntrust	79.8125	+1.5625
Supervalu	28.1875	-0.5625
Symantec	20.375	-0.6875
Sysco Corp	28.4375	+0.9375
TJX Cos Inc	28.5	-1.5
TRW Inc	57.4375	+1.125
Tab Products	5.875	+0
Tandy Corp	45.625	-0.3125
Telecom Corp	62.25	+1.1875
Telefonos de Mex	46.25	-1.9375
Telef De Espana	146	-5
Temple Inland	63.9375	+2.1875
Tenneco	37.25	+1.1875
Tenet Health	23.75	+0.25
Teradyne	49.0625	+0.6875
Tesoro Pet	12.1875	-0.1875
Texaco	55.625	+1.25
Texas Instrmnts	93.75	+2.25
Texas Utilities	45.9375	-0.75
Textron	75.75	-0.625
Thomas & Betts	46.25	+0.625
ThreeCom	46.375	+0
Time Warner	61	+0.0625
Times-Mirror	58.8125	+1.125
Timken	20.5	-0.0625
Torchmark	35.125	+0
Tosco Corp	24.9375	+0.5625
Toys R Us	16.75	-0.25
Transamerica	120	+1.8125
Transco Energy	88.875	+1.125
Tribune	66.625	+1.8125
Triton Energy	8.5	-0.125
TWA	5.125	-0.125
Tyco Intl Ltd	76.0625	+1.125
Tyler	5.625	-0.4375
UAL Corp	66.6875	-1.4375
USG Corp	50.75	+0.25
UST Inc	34	+0.5
USX Marathon	30.875	+0.875
USX-US Steel	28.25	+1.3125
Ultramar Diam	24.8125	+0.5
Unicom Corp	37.25	-0.25
Unilever PLC	45.875	+0.25
Unilever NV	85.5625	+0.75
Union Camp	68.375	+2.875
Union Carbide	46.5	+0.75
Union Pacific	49.0625	+0.6875
Unisys Corp	33.25	-0.75
USAIR Group	62.25	+1
US Home	34	-0.625
US Trust	77	+2.75
US West	65.625	+1
United Tech	114.688	+3.5
Unocal Corp	32.75	+0.3125
VF Corp	45	-0.625
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.6875	+0.40625
Valero Energy	22.1875	+0
Varian Assoc	41.0625	+0.0625
Viacom Inc	74.1875	-1.75
Vishay	13.6875	-0.25
Vulcan Materials	129.438	+1.125
Wachovia	89	+0.9375
Walgreen	54	-0.625
Wal-Mart Stores	83.5	-0.625
Warner-Lambert	74.875	-0.9375
Wash Gas Light	24.9375	-0.375
Washington Post	573	+2
Waste Mgmnt Inc	51.9375	-0.5625
Watkins-Johnson	22.75	-0.8125
Weis Markets	39.9375	-0.1875
Wells Fargo	39.8125	-0.125
Wendy's Intl	22.9375	-0.125
Westvaco	28.5	+0.9375
Weyerhaeuser	55.375	+4.4375
Whirlpool	55.375	+1.3125
Whitman	23.4375	-0.3125
Williams Co	30.8125	+0
Winn Dixie Strs	46.625	+1.375
Woolworth	7.4375	+0.0625
World Comm	75	-0.125
Worthington Ind	13.4375	+0.8125
Wrigley	89.9375	-0.875
Xerox	121.188	-0.5625
Yahoo	343.625	+23.625
Yellow Freight	18.3125	-0.21875

LONDON

Allied Domecq	597.5	+13.5
Allied Zurich	1021	+21
BAT Inds	541	+8
BT	955	-33
BTR	118	-1.25
Barclays	1430	+4
Bass	888	+7.5
Boots	1015.5	+13.5
British Airways	402.5	+14.25
Comm Union plc	646	-27.5
Diageo	705.5	+40.5
General Electric	555	+1.5
Glaxo	2288	+31
Halifax	815.5	-2.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1752	+23
ICI	488.5	+4.5
Land Securities	785	-10.5
Lloyds Bank	832.5	-14.5
Marks & Spencer	419.5	+8
NatWest Bank	1223	+19
Prudential	930.5	-1.5
Reuters	749	+21.5
Sainsbury	467	+3.5
Shell Transport	350.75	-6.75
Tyco Intl	4300	+50
Unilever	690	-0.5
Zeneca	2617	+64

PARIS

Accor	203.2	+0.7
Air Liquide	157	+5.5
Alcatel Alsthom	123.7	+3.5
Euro Disney	1.13	-0.04
Michelin B	32	-1.55
Moulinex	12.16	-0.09
Paribas	83.65	-1.9
Pernod Ricard	57	-1.5
Peugeot	138.5	-0.5
Saint Gobain	133.5	-1.2

FRANKFURT

Bayer	38.5	-0.58
Daimler-Benz	-	-
Lufthansa	20.65	+0.7
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	12.9	-0.3
Volkswagen	78.6	+2.8

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 8-JAN-99)

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	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.4692	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.079	0
British Pound (1)	6.6973	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.4331	0
French Franc (1)	0.7255	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.654	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.9473	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.6851	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.4577	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.733	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9643.32	+105.56
DJ Transport	3360.28	+40.61
DJ Utils	310.14	-1.05
DJ Comp	2995.83	+28.21
NYSE Industr	758.46	+1.61
NYSE Transport	506.98	+5.78
NYSE Comp	611.06	+1.87
S&P 100	636.02	+3.26
S&P Spot Index	1275.09	+5.36
Israel Index	308.02	+5.41

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	6147.2	+0
Tokyo Nikkei	13391.8	+0
Singapore all-share index	411.69	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	10722.7	+0
Israel Index	309.02	+5.41
Paris CAC 40	4245.42	+14.75
DAX	5323.21	+0
Madrid	915.97	+0
Swiss Market Index	7633.7	+84
Sydney	2858.3	+0
Milan	1598.78	+0

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6411	-0.009
Mar.future (CME)	1.6418	-0.006
D-mark: spot	1.6931	+0.0231
Mar.future (CME)	0.5947	-0.0061
S-franc: spot	1.3972	0
Mar.future (CME)	0.7233	-0.0074
Yen: spot	111.3	+0.13
Mar.future (CME)	0.009093	+2e-006
CanDlr: spot	1.5115	-0.0023
Mar.future (CME)	0.6613	+0.0001
AusDlr: spot	0.6343	+0.0011
Mar.future (CME)	0.635	-0.0023
F-franc: spot	5.6783	+0.0271
Ir Lira: spot	1676.13	+22.63
Nlg: spot	1.9076	+0.0257
AutShlg: spot	11.9116	+0.1154
Rand: spot	5.815	-0.01
EURO: spot	1.1585	-0.0126

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1371	-7
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	119.65	+1
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	291.25	+3.75
Soybean (Jan) (CBOT)	550	+5.25
Orange juice (Jan)(CEC)	103.75	+5.05
Crude Oil (Mar)(NYMEX)	13.1	-0.01
Bonds Mar.future	12505	-112
S and P Mar.future	1287	+9.2

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	920	+4
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1779	+36
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	252.5	-1.4
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1151	+6

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.29	+0.05

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	292	-0.4
Silver (Mar)	5.288	+0.048
Platinum (Jan)	360.4	+0.2
Palladium (Mar)	317	+6.5
High-grade copper (Mar)	0.659	+0.0065

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	290.9	+2.3
Gold PM fix	290.9	+0.85
Silver fix	521	-8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

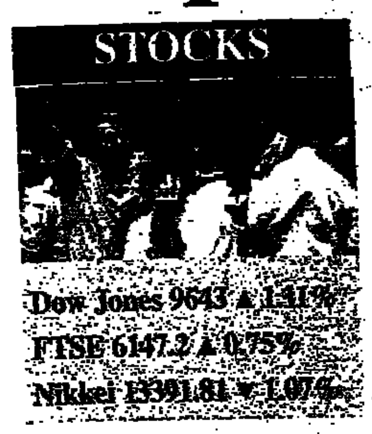
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Dow keeps rising



Wall Street

The buying party continued on Wall Street on Friday, pushing major indexes to all-time highs for the fifth time in as many trading days.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 105.56 points – or by 1.1 percent – to close at 9,643.32, logging its third record in the first week of the year.

Broad indexes lost a little steam in the afternoon and threatened to close lower, but then rallied to finish at record highs.

Technology stocks continued to lead the market, but shares from other industries performed well, too.

Alcoa led the Dow higher after reporting stronger-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings. Other big Dow gainers included AT&T and General Motors.

Internet-related stocks were still flying high, despite the retreat in the Nasdaq composite. Amazon.com, Lycos and Yahoo! all rose.

Investors were buying after a new employment report showed that the US economy remains healthy.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate fell to 4.3% in December and averaged 4.5% for 1998, the lowest since 3.5% in 1969 during the Vietnam War.

Employers added 378,000 jobs to their payrolls – the most in 15 months and nearly double what analysts anticipated.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 5.27 to 1,275.00, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 18.82 to 2,344.91.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by 1,525 to 1,523 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 536 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 934.01 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs.

850.84 million in the previous session.

The NYSE composite index rose 1.87 to 611.06, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.78 to 707.76.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 3.38 to 431.21.

Europe

European shares were swept higher by a wave of liquidity on Friday, with London shares hitting successive record highs following bid speculation and stronger-than-expected jobs data from the US.

The dollar advanced by more than one percent to $1.1577 per euro and 1.3938 Swiss francs as traders responded to that the latest evidence of the US economy's resilience, particularly the higher employment figures.

"These numbers show that the world has underestimated the propensity of the U.S. economy to create jobs and have therefore changed the dynamics of the rate speculation," said Jeremy Stretch, currency analyst at NatWest Global Financial Markets.

"It is hard to see the Fed easing [interest rates] with the unemployment rate this low and this is helping the dollar."

Britain's FTSE 100 stock index surged to a record high, breaking new ground for the first time in six months and extending a New Year rally driven by falling interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic.

Spurred on by an outbreak of bid speculation around companies as diverse as telecoms group Cable & Wireless, which rose almost 10%, and supermarkets operator Safeway, up 2.8%, the index scored a peak of 6,195.6 at one stage, before being dragged off its highs by light end-of-week profit-taking.

London benchmark index eventually finished at 6147.2 up 0.75%, just short of its record closing peak set on July 20 last year.

"We saw a little pullback in the afternoon but it was only a case of the market consolidating a very strong position," said the head of equity trading at a leading European investment bank.

Frankfurt shrugged off a rise in German unemployment, where the Xetra Dax share index shot ahead more than two percent in afternoon trade before retreating to close at 5370.51, up just 0.5%.

French stocks also tracked Wall Street and finished up 0.35%, at 4245.42, after surrendering early gains, though luxury goods flagship LVMH ended 3.4% higher on expectations of a bid for Italy's Gucci.

Asia

Asian stock markets ended the week mixed Friday, with share prices falling in Tokyo and Jakarta, but rising in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Tokyo's benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average slid 144.75 points, or 1.07%, closing the week at 13,391.81 points.

Shares fell on concern over earnings among Japanese exporters amid continued volatility in global foreign exchange markets.

Investors were worried that the dollar's rapid fall below 110.00 yen on Thursday in overseas market for the first time in 27 months would affect on the outlook for profits of Japanese exporters, traders said.

Indonesian share prices closed sharply lower as investors took profits following Thursday's massive gains.

The Jakarta Stock Exchange's Composite Index fell 18.446 points, or 4%, to 439.494 points after a 7.2% rise on Thursday.

Dealers said concern over social instability in Indonesia also discouraged investors from investing long-term in the country.

Thousands of rioters rampaged through an Indonesian town Friday, hurling stones at police stations and looting shops.

Share prices in Hong Kong closed higher for the fourth consecutive session, boosted by expectations of a cut in local interest rates.

The Hang Seng Index, the Hong Kong market's key indicator of blue chips, rose 29.13 points, or 0.2%, closing at 10,722.70.

Shortly after the market closed, The Hong Kong Association of Banks decided to cut deposit rates by a quarter percentage point to 4%. It was the fourth cut in interest rates in less than four months.

(AP, Reuters)

Dollar up against European currencies

NEW YORK (AP) – The dollar rose against European currencies Friday, but continued to struggle against the Japanese yen.

Traders said the dollar rose against the euro and the Swiss franc on reports of continued strength in the US economy and a surging US stock market. The dollar suffered in thin trading against the yen, continuing a month-long slide against the Japanese currency.

In late New York trading, the dollar bought 110.93 Japanese yen, down from 111.04 yen late Thursday. The dollar was trading at 124 at the start of December.

"The trend is strongly downward for the dollar against the yen. That has a lot of people afraid to buy the dollar," said Kevin Harris, international economist at MCM CurrencyWatch in New York.

"At the same time, all the news suggests the dollar should be the stronger currency, so people are reluctant to sell, so it's just going sideways."

The euro was quoted at $ 1.1554, down from $1.1670.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (8.1.99)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	4.4372	4.5088	—	—	4.4692
U.S. dollar	4.0493	4.1147	3.97	4.18	4.0790
EU euro	4.7233	4.7995	—	—	4.7588
German mark	2.4150	2.4540	2.37	2.50	2.4331
Pound sterling	6.6567	6.7641	6.54	6.86	6.6973
French franc	0.7201	0.7318	0.70	0.75	0.7255
Japanese yen (100)	3.6314	3.6900	3.56	3.75	3.6540
Dutch florin	2.1434	2.1780	2.11	2.22	2.1594
Swiss franc	2.9267	2.9740	2.87	3.02	2.9473
Swedish krona	0.5178	0.5262	0.50	0.54	0.5215
Norwegian krone	0.5524	0.5614	0.54	0.57	0.5556
Danish krone	0.6346	0.6448	0.62	0.66	0.6393
Finnish mark	0.7944	0.8073	0.78	0.82	0.8004
Canadian dollar	2.6762	2.7194	2.63	2.76	2.6951
Australian dollar	2.5695	2.6110	2.52	2.65	2.5881
S. African rand	0.6952	0.7065	0.63	0.71	0.7027
Belgian franc (10)	1.1709	1.1898	1.15	1.21	1.1797
Austrian schilling (10)	3.4326	3.4880	3.38	3.54	3.4583
Italian lira (1000)	2.4394	2.4788	2.40	2.52	2.4577
Jordanian dinar	5.6913	5.7831	5.59	6.00	5.7330
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.15	1.25	1.1966
Irish punt	5.9974	6.0942	5.90	6.19	6.0421
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8388	2.8846	2.79	2.93	2.8601

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Georgetown coach resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) – John Thompson, whose tough-love emphasis of academics as well as athletics turned Georgetown into a respected national basketball powerhouse in the past quarter century, resigned Friday as coach.

Craig Esherick, an assistant under Thompson for the last 16 years, was hired as his replacement.

Thompson said he was quitting because his basketball duties were interfering with unspecified "things I need to give attention to in my personal life." "I am not tired of basketball," Thompson said. "I do it because I love it. I am not retiring. I have resigned as head basketball coach at Georgetown University." A tearful Esherick said he tried to talk Thompson out of resigning, but was unsuccessful.

"He was my very first recruit I failed to land as coach, and I'm sorry for that," Esherick said.

This year's team appears headed for Georgetown's first losing campaign since Thompson's first season as coach in 1972-73.

The Hoyas are off to their worst start ever in the Big East (0-4). Georgetown's winning record (7-6) is mainly due to victories over perennial non-conference patsies Thompson schedules every year.

Georgetown was barely a blip on the national basketball radar screen when Thompson arrived 27 years ago. His first team went 12-14, the second was 13-13. Every team since has been invited to postseason tournament play – 20 NCAAs and four NITs. He won the national championship with Patrick Ewing in 1984, and his Hoyas were runners-up in 1982 and 1985.

Thompson's record is 596-239, a .713 winning percentage, and he is 10th among active coaches in victories. Furthermore, Thompson's players almost always graduated on time – 97 percent of his players who stayed four years left with a degree.

But the dynasty has faded over the last few years, starting in 1996 when Allen Iverson became Thompson's first player to declare early for the NBA draft. Victor Page, Ed Sheffey and Kenny Brunner also left early, for various reasons, and all four – especially Iverson – have made ugly headlines that clearly embarrassed and hurt their former coach.

India vows fool-proof security for Pakistan cricket tourists

NEW DELHI (Reuters) – India promised Pakistani cricketers "fool-proof security" on Friday while a leader of right-wing Hindus praised the bravado of those who tried to disrupt this month's tour by digging up a Test match pitch.

Shiv Sena activists damaged the pitch at New Delhi's Ferozeshah Kotla stadium on Wednesday and vowed to prevent the fixture from going ahead.

Shiv Sena is vehemently opposed to cricketing ties between India and Pakistan who are due to play their first Test on Indian soil in almost a decade in New Delhi from January 28.

India's Home Secretary B.P. Singh said the Pakistan squad could rely on complete security cover.

"A security liaison committee is being constituted to ensure what I call fool-proof security for the tour – both on road, on the ground and wherever they go...," said Singh, the most senior bureaucrat in the ministry.

J.Y. Lele, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the tour would go ahead as planned.

"The tour is very much on. The authorities have assured us that there will be sufficient security and protection," Lele said.

Bal Thackeray, firebrand leader of Shiv Sena, who is fiercely opposed to any cultural or sporting relations between the two neighbors, congratulated his party workers for their "bravado".

"This patriotism and bravery will help the nation in the hour of crisis," Thackeray told reporters.

He warned the central government not to take action against the New Delhi activists of the party. "Don't treat the Sena activists as if they are Pakistani terrorists."

Shiv Sena – which has a huge following in Bombay, Maharashtra state's capital – says India and Pakistan, which have a bitter territorial dispute over Kashmir, should not play sport while India's soldiers suffer in border violence.

Pakistan's high commissioner to India, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, told Reuters that Pakistan was concerned about the pitch-digging incident which triggered widespread condemnation from political parties and sportsmen.

"We are very concerned, but at the same time very appreciative of the efforts the Indian government is taking to ensure the safety of our cricketers," Qazi said.

Pakistan tours to India have been called off in the past after threats by Hindu militants. Shiv Sena activists dug up a pitch in Bombay in 1991 to sabotage one.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since their independence from British colonial rule in 1947.

Senators win 5-1 over Tampa Bay Lightning

KANATA, Ontario (AP) – Shawn McEachern scored two goals, and Alexei Yashin added a goal and two assists as the Ottawa Senators stretched their unbeaten streak to seven games with a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lighting on Friday night.

Daniel Alfredsson and Magnus Arvedson each scored once for Ottawa, and goalie Ron Tugnutt made 19 saves for his 100th career NHL win.

Mike Sillinger scored his first goal of the season for the Lighting, who have only one victory in their last 11 games (1-9-1).

Flames 1, Stars 0

In Calgary, Alberta, Fred Brathwaite, making his first NHL start in three years, made 21 saves for his first shutout as the injury-riddled Flames ended the Dallas Stars' 15-game unbeaten streak.

The Stars' streak (12-0-3) was the longest in the league this season.

Jeff Shantz scored the lone goal as the Flames halted an eight-game losing streak and a franchise-record six-game home losing skid.

With Calgary missing four goaltenders because of injuries, Brathwaite was signed to a contract Thursday from the Canadian national team. He became the eighth goalie to wear a Flames jersey this season and the sixth to get a start, including four in the last 12 days.

Panthers 1, Canucks 1

Mark Messier scored a goal and Corey Hirsch made 26 saves as the host Vancouver Canucks ended a season-high seven-game losing streak by tying the Florida Panthers.

Hirsch made several key stops in the third period, including a great glove save off Viktor Kozlov midway through the period.

Minutes later, Vancouver nearly pulled out a win while pressing on its fourth power play of the night. Messier set up Mattias Ohlund with a beautiful feed from behind the net but the defenseman shot the puck just wide.

Scott Mellanby scored the lone goal for Florida, which is winless in its last six games. The Panthers also are winless in 11 overtime games this season (0-2-9).

Mighty Ducks 4, Coyotes 1

Paul Kariya scored twice to end a 10-game goal drought and Steve Rucchin got the go-ahead goal in the opening minute of the third period as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks beat the visiting Phoenix Coyotes.

Frederik Olausson scored in the first period against the NHL's top penalty-killing unit and Dominic Roussel made 21 saves in his first home start for Anaheim, which snapped a three-game losing streak. The only shot that got past Roussel was Shane Doan's first goal of the season, on a breakaway late in the first period.

Thursday's games: Boston 2, Toronto 1; Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 1; Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 0; Pittsburgh 4, Carolina 2; St. Louis 4, Chicago 2; San Jose 4, Nashville 3; Edmonton 7, Phoenix 1; Los Angeles 4, Buffalo 2.

Friday's Games: Ottawa 5, Tampa Bay 1; Calgary 1, Dallas 0; Florida 1, Vancouver 1, tie; Anaheim 4, Phoenix 1.

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Montreal	13	19	7	33	89	105
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Washington	13	20	3	29	85	92
Tampa Bay	9	27	3	21	81	137

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Nashville	14	21	3	31	91	118
Chicago	11	23	5	27	84	126
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Edmonton	16	18	4	36	109	102
Vancouver	13	22	5	31	104	123
Calgary	13	24	3	29	101	125
Pacific Division						
Dallas	25	6	6	56	113	72
Phoenix	21	10	5	47	99	76
Anaheim	15	16	8	38	94	89
Los Angeles	15	21	3	33	95	103
San Jose	12	17	9	33	85	93

Two top jockeys bailed in UK race-fixing probe

LONDON (Reuters) – Two leading jockeys were arrested and released on bail on Friday as part of a police investigation into alleged race-fixing in Britain.

Police would not name the men but radio and television identified the two as former Derby winner Ray Cochrane and Graham Bradley, winner of the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup, 1985 King George VI steeplechase and 1996 Champion Hurdle.

Horse racing sources confirmed the names. Both men were ordered to report back to London police on March 10 but they are free to continue their racing activities.

Police said a third man, former trainer Charlie Brooks, had attended a London police station under a prior arrangement.

His lawyer said later Brooks had offered full cooperation to police and had "never at any stage participated in any activities which would contravene the rules of racing".

The inquiry began after two well-fancied horses were found to have been given a tranquilizer after being well beaten in two races in March 1997.

Up to Friday, 13 people have been arrested as part of the investigation. Five have been cleared and eight are on bail.

Five of the 13 are jockeys, of whom two have been cleared.

BBC radio quoted Cochrane as saying in a statement that he had been amazed to be arrested and had done nothing wrong. "They asked me a few questions and let me go," he said.

British racing's ruling Jockey Club said the arrests were "in connection with the ongoing police investigation into the doping of two racehorses in 1997 and other alleged incidents of race fixing".

However it said that the ruling body had decided not to suspend the licences of either rider.

"The Jockey Club considered what action should be taken by the regulator in respect of the arrest of these licensed persons," said executive director Christopher Foster.

"This afternoon the Jockey Club's licensing committee has informed the two jockeys that their licences to ride have not been suspended." He said the committee considered that the arrest "while having significant implications for the integrity of horse racing" was not a sufficient threat to public confidence or the proper conduct of meetings to justify immediate suspension.

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Maccabi in must-win situation

By ELI GRONER

Two teams in dire need of a victory square off in tonight's featured National Basketball League contest when Maccabi Tel Aviv takes on Maccabi Ra'anana (Channel 5, 20:45). Tel Aviv, coming off a 79-76 road loss to Tau Vitoria in EuroLeague action in Spain on Thursday, have looked sluggish at best in recent league action. The defending champions are currently two games behind Hapoel Jerusalem, and if they want a chance at home-court advantage in the finals, a win tonight in Ra'anana is essential.

Ra'anana, meanwhile, is coming off a tough loss in Holon last week and finds itself with a .500 record. Virtually every pre-season pundit had Ra'anana slated for a third consecutive Final Four appearance, but a loss tonight could drop them to seventh.

If Jerusalem wants to maintain its comfortable margin at the top of the standings, a win tonight at Givat Shmuel – who named Motti Aroesti as coach last night – is a must. Despite Givat Shmuel's ugly 3-9 record, Norris Coleman & Co. gave Jerusalem a run for its money earlier in the season. With one foot already in relegation territory, expect Givat Shmuel to come out strong tonight, in what could be the upset of the week.

Other games tonight: Maccabi Haifa vs. Galil Elyon, Hapoel Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Rishon, Ramat Gan vs. Hapoel Holon, Bnei Herzliya vs. Hapoel Eilat.

Orange Basketball League

	W	L	Pts
Hapoel Jerusalem	11	1	23
Maccabi Tel Aviv	9	3	21
Hapoel Holon	8	4	20
Galil Elyon	7	5	19
Maccabi Ra'anana	6	6	18
Rishon Lezion	6	6	18
Maccabi Ramat Gan	5	7	17
Hapoel Eilat	5	7	17
Bnei Herzliya	5	7	17
Maccabi Haifa	5	7	17
Givat Shmuel	3	9	15
Hapoel Tel Aviv	2	10	14



Australian Jelena Dokic reaches for a backhand during her match with Sweden's Asa Carlsson in the final of the Hopman Cup yesterday. (Reuters)

Australia win Hopman Cup

PERTH (Reuters) – Australian pair Mark Philippoussis and Jelena Dokic won thrilling singles matches against Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman and Asa Carlsson yesterday to give the host nation its first win in the Hopman Cup mixed teams tournament.

Philippoussis, last year's US Open runner-up and world No. 15, gave Australia an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best-of-three match final by beating Bjorkman 6-3 7-6 (8-6).

Philippoussis came from 4-0 down in the second set tiebreak.

Dokic, only 15 and ranked 341 in the world, won the opening match of the decider against Carlsson 6-2 7-6 (10-8).

It was Dokic's third straight singles win at the tournament.

Australia's success is their first in the mixed teams tournament in 11 attempts.

Schnyder beats Pierce

Second seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland beat top seed Mary Pierce of France to win the Australian women's hardcourt championship.

Schnyder, ranked 11th in the world, collected her sixth tour title with a 4-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 win over Pierce at the Hope Island Tennis Club on Queensland's Gold Coast.

The 20-year-old Schnyder, who earned a place in the decider with a semifinal win over defending champion Ai Sugiyama of Japan, notched her first win in four matches against world No. 7 Pierce.

Pierce, the 1995 Australian Open champion, seemed to run out of steam in the final set as Schnyder broke twice to take the match.

It was the Swiss player's second tour victory in Australia.

She won in Hobart last year.

Enqvist, Hewitt in Adelaide final

Swede Thomas Enqvist put last year's injury-plagued season behind him to earn a berth in the Australian men's hardcourt final by defeating Australian Scott Draper yesterday.

Enqvist, who took a break for three months last year after undergoing ankle surgery, comprehensively outserved Draper, delivering three of his 12 aces in his final service game to claim the match 6-3, 7-5.

Enqvist will play defending champion Lleyton Hewitt of Australia in today's final following Hewitt's 6-1, 6-3 win over countryman Jason Stoltenberg in the other semifinal yesterday.

Henman, Schuttler in Doha final

Qualifier Rainer Schuttler of Germany shocked seventh-seeded Frenchman Cedric Pioline 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to set up a meeting with top seeded Briton Tim Henman in today's final of the Doha ATP tournament in Qatar. Henman beat Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4, 6-2 in the second semi-final.

SPORTS

in brief

West Indies enjoy rare success

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – Brian Lara failed with the bat again but the West Indies beat a Western Province XI by 33 runs in a one-day game yesterday, their second win in 13 matches on their South Africa tour.

Lara made four but a 101-run partnership between Shivnarine Chanderpaul (81) and Darren Ganga (40) boosted his team to 231 for six.

Leg spinner Rawl Lewis took five for 25 as the Western Province team, comprised of reserves and six emerging non-white youngsters, were restricted to 198.

The match was played in Langa in the Cape Town suburbs.

Kiwis beat India in one-day international

TAUPO, New Zealand (Reuters) – New Zealand beat India in the first one-day international day/night match yesterday on the Duckworth/Lewis system applied because of floodlights failure when New Zealand were 168-3 after 30.4 overs.

Scores: India 257-5 in 50 overs; New Zealand 200-5 in 38 overs.

England breeze past Queensland in one-dayer

BRISBANE (AP) – England, scoring 324-6, cruised to a 92-run victory over Queensland on Friday in a limited-overs cricket match at the Gabba. England bowled Queensland out for 232 in the 43rd over of the match.

West Indian-born allrounder Mark Alleyne was the hero of the night, making 60 in 41 balls and then taking 4-6 from 13 deliveries.

It was England's last match before the one-day series opener against Australia at the Gabba today.

Opener Nick Knight made 58, another rookie Vince Wells 63 and Neil Fairbrother 56 in 49 balls.

When Allan Mullally took three early Queensland wickets, England took control of the game.

Robitaille scores 500th NHL career goal

INGLEWOOD, Ca. (AP) – Luc Robitaille was an afterthought for the Los Angeles Kings in the 1984 National Hockey League draft.

But the ninth-round and 171st overall pick quickly became a star in the league, scoring 44 or more goals in each of his first eight seasons with the Kings.

On Thursday night, Robitaille joined became the 27th player in league history to score 500 goals.

Goal 500 came when he skated past the left side of the net, flipped the puck in off a pass from rookie Pavel Rosa to beat Buffalo goalie Dwayne Roloson with 1:46 remaining in the game.

A crowd of 10,821 at the Forum erupted with a standing ovation and cries of "Luuuuuc" for one of the most popular players in Kings' history.

FIFA lifts Cameroon suspension

ZURICH (Reuters) – Cameroon's suspension from world soccer was lifted by FIFA on Friday following the intervention of the country's prime minister.

On Monday Cameroon's clubs and national team were banned from playing international soccer following the sports minister's failure to cooperate with FIFA in moves to end chaos blighting the game in the central African country.

But prime Prime Minister Peter Musonge Mafany contacted FIFA this week to say the actions of the minister, Joseph Owona, did not reflect the position of the government which fully supported FIFA.

Atletico offer free match tickets

MADRID (Reuters) – Atletico Madrid, whose president has been jailed for illegally channeling funds to the football club, announced on Friday the club would give away tickets for today's match against Extremadura.

The club – mired in problems lately with the arrest of president Jesus Gil and last month's stabbing death of a fan outside Atletico's stadium – said they will reimburse any fans who have already paid for tickets.

Ultra-right Atletico supporters have smashed windows and painted radical slogans in an angry reaction to the jailing on Thursday of club president Jesus Gil on charges of embezzlement and falsifying documents.

Late Skrela try sets up Colomiers-Ulster final

TOULOUSE (Reuters) – Replacement wing David Skrela scored a late try and then converted it to send Colomiers into the European Cup final against Ulster with a 10-6 upset victory over Perpignan yesterday.

Ulster surprised French champions Stade Francais 33-27 in Belfast in the other semifinal.

British soccer results & standings

Premier League: Arsenal 0, Liverpool 0; Blackburn 1, Leeds 0; Coventry 4, Nottingham Forest 0; Everton 0, Leicester 0; Middlesbrough 0, Aston Villa 0; Newcastle 0, Chelsea 1; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Tottenham 0; Southampton 3, Charlton 1; Wimbledon 2 Derby 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	21	10	10	1	32	17	40
Aston Villa	21	11	7	3	31	20	40
Arsenal	21	9	9	3	22	11	36
Manchester United	20	9	8	3	39	23	35
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Wimbledon	21	9	5	7	29	25	32
Liverpool	21	9	5	7	36	25	32
West Ham	20	9	5	6	24	23	32
Middlesbrough	21	7	10	4	32	26	31
Leicester	21	7	8	6	23	21	29
Derby	21	6	10	5	21	20	28
Tottenham	21	7	7	7	28	30	28
Newcastle	21	6	6	9	24	29	24
Everton	21	5	9	7	13	21	24
Sheffield Wednesday	21	6	5	10	21	22	23
Blackburn	21	5	6	10	21	28	21
Coventry	21	5	5	11	20	29	20
Southampton	21	4	5	12	19	39	17
Charlton	21	3	7	11	24	34	16
Nottingham Forest	21	2	7	12	18	40	13

Scottish Premier: No matches yesterday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	21	13	5	3	39	19	44
Kilmarnock	21	11	7	3	30	12	40
Celtic	21	9	7	5	44	22	34
St Johnstone	22	8	9	5	28	28	33
Motherwell	22	6	8	8	21	29	26
Hearts	22	6	6	10	22	29	24
Aberdeen	22	6	6	10	23	35	24
Dundee	21	6	5	10	20	32	23
Dundee United	22	5	7	10	22	27	22
Dunfermline	22	2	12	8	17	33	18

Division One: Birmingham 1, *Port Vale 0*; Crewe 3, Norwich 2; Huddersfield 2, Bury 2; Ipswich 0, Grimsby 1; Oxford United 0, *Bristol City 0*; Queens Park Rangers 2, Sunderland 2; Stockport 1, Bradford 2; Swindon 2, Sheffield United 2; Watford 0, Portsmouth 0; West Bromwich Albion 2, Barnsley 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	27	16	9	2	57	16	57
Birmingham	27	14	6	7	43	26	48
Ipswich	27	14	6	7	36	17	48
Bradford	26	14	5	7	46	28	47
Watford	27	12	9	6	44	36	45
Grimsby	27	13	5	9	32	29	44
Bolton	25	11	10	4	46	32	43
Huddersfield	27	12	6	9	40	44	42
West Brom	27	12	5	10	49	43	41
Norwich	26	11	8	7	42	36	41
Wolves	27	11	7	9	37	28	40
Sheffield United	27	10	8	9	41	44	38
Barnsley	27	9	9	9	37	35	36
Crystal Palace	25	9	7	9	37	41	34
Swindon	27	8	7	12	38	45	31
Tranmere	27	6	12	9	33	39	30
Queens Park Rangers	27	8	6	13	30	37	30
Stockport	27	6	11	10	31	35	29
Bury	27	7	8	12	25	37	29
Portsmouth	27	6	8	13	34	44	26
Oxford United	27	6	7	14	29	50	25
Port Vale	27	7	4	16	29	51	25
Bristol City	27	5	9	13	37	54	24
Crewe	27	5	6	16	30	54	21

Division Two: Blackpool 0, Manchester City 0; *Bristol Rovers 3, Burnley 4*; Chesterfield 3, Colchester 1; Fulham 1, Macclesfield 0; Lincoln 2, Bournemouth 1; Luton 3, Wycombe 1; Millwall 3, Wigan 1; Notts County 0, Oldham 1; Reading 4, Wrexham 0; Stoke 3, Northampton 1; Walsall 2, Gillingham 1; York 0, Preston 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fulham	24	16	4	4	37	17	52
Walsall	26	15	5	6	37	29	50
Stoke	25	15	2	8	34	28	47
Preston	24	13	7	4	42	23	46
Gillingham	25	10	11	4	36	21	41
Bournemouth	23	11	6	6	36	24	39
Chesterfield	25	11	6	8	28	21	39
Reading	24	10	7	7	31	29	37
Manchester City	25	9	10	6	28	22	37
Millwall	25	9	9	7	27	27	36
York	26	9	7	10	35	42	34
Wigan	25	9	7	9	32	26	34
Luton	23	9	7	7	32	27	34
Blackpool	26	8	10	8	29	29	34
Burnley	26	7	8	11	30	43	29
Bristol Rovers	24	6	10	8	30	29	28
Colchester	25	6	9	10	24	35	27
Northampton	25	5	10	10	24	30	25
Wrexham	25	6	7	12	22	37	25
Notts County	24	6	6	12	26	35	24
Oldham	25	6	6	13	24	38	24
Wycombe	26	5	8	13	25	34	23
Macclesfield	25	4	9	12	19	31	21
Lincoln City	25	5	5	15	25	44	20

Division Three: Barnet 3, Darlington 0; Brighton 1, Carlisle 3; Cambridge United 2, *Torquay 0*; *Cardiff 4, Hartlepool 1*; Exeter 4, Swansea 0; Halifax 2, Peterborough 2; Hull 1, Rotherham 0; Leyton Orient 2, Chester 2; Mansfield 3, Brentford 1; Rochdale 1, Plymouth 1; Scunthorpe 3, Shrewsbury 0; Southend 1, Scarborough 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	25	15	4	6	36	20	49
Brentford	24	15	0	9	42	33	45
Cambridge United	25	13	5	7	41	30	44
Mansfield	25	13	5	7	41	31	44
Scunthorpe	25	13	3	9	44	39	42
Halifax	26	10	10	6	36	27	40
Brighton	26	12	2	12	36	37	38
Peterborough	25	11	4	10	42	34	37
Leyton Orient	25	9	10	6	32	30	37
Rotherham	25	10	6	9	45	37	36
Darlington	24	10	6	8	34	28	36
Swansea	24	9	8	7	29	27	35
Plymouth	24	10	5	9	28	22	35
Southend	26	9	7	10	32	35	34
Chester	25	7	12	6	34	35	33
Exeter	25	9	6	10	29	27	33
Rochdale	25	8	9	8	24	28	33
Barnet	26	9	4	13	33	45	31
Torquay	26	6	11	9	28	34	29
Carlisle	24	7	7	10	24	28	28
Shrewsbury	26	7	7	12	22	36	28
Hartlepool	26	7	5	14	35	45	26
Scarborough	25	6	3	16	26	42	21
Hull	25	5	3	17	22	45	18

Korda fends off drug questions and vows to play on

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – Australian Open champion Petr Korda fended off questions yesterday about his positive test for steroids at Wimbledon last year but said he wanted to play on through 1999.

Korda arrived in Melbourne overnight as a groundswell of concern grew among players over his lenient treatment. Some have called for the Czech to be banned at least until the full circumstances of his positive test are known.

The ATP is to hold a players' meeting next Saturday to discuss the issue.

Korda indicated at the Qatar Open last week that he might be considering his tennis future, saying that he wanted "to sleep on it" after losing in the first round to little-known Moroccan Karim Alami in Doha.

"I want to play, I want to fulfil the whole year," Korda told Channel Seven television after a practice session in Melbourne.

"There were some bad times, there were some good times but I am here to play tennis.

"I don't think it has affected my tennis at all." However, Korda refused to answer when asked about the reaction of some players to his positive drug test.

"That is not a tennis question," Korda said.

He tested positive for the banned steroid nandrolone at Wimbledon and was stripped of the ranking points he earned plus the $94,529 prize money he won for reaching the quarter-finals.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) Appeals Committee stopped short of sentencing Korda to the mandatory one-year ban under its own anti-doping rules because it believed he did not knowingly take the drug.

The ITF said on Thursday it would appeal against the penalty imposed on Korda by the independant body which it appointed.

Korda has denied knowingly taking the steroid since his positive test was announced on December 22.

While some Australian media on Saturday reported talk of a possible player boycott of the Australian Open, Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said there was no need for such drastic action.

"We're concerned at this point for the game of tennis that this has happened but I don't think it can or should have any effect on the Australian Open," Pollard told reporters at the women's hardcourt titles on the Gold Coast.

"I don't see any cause, any reason, any logic behind any such action (by the players). I've heard that they would like to have it discussed at a players' meeting," he said.

Heads set to roll at IOC after Salt Lake scandal

LONDON (Reuters) – Few seasoned Olympic observers were surprised to see two leading officials from the organizing committee of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City quit on Friday after the recent payments scandal.

Now the world is waiting for heads to roll in the International Olympic Committee (IOC) after the biggest Olympic scandal since Ben Johnson's positive test at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and the political boycotts of the 1970s and 1980s.

Once officials had admitted at the end of last year that the US city had spent nearly $400,000 organizing tuition assistance and athlete-training programmes for relatives of IOC members when it was bidding for the Games, it was clear Salt Lake was in serious trouble.

IOC rules state clearly that members, who decide the venues of Games in a vote, and their relatives are not allowed to receive gifts worth more than $150.

When Olympic chiefs held their first crunch meeting with Salt Lake in the offices of IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch on a cold evening in Lausanne last month, reporters were already waiting outside in anticipation of resignations.

They came finally on Friday when organizing committee chief Frank Joklik and leading official Dave Johnson stepped down.

Joklik confirmed a number of direct cash payments to IOC officials and their families, including one in excess of $70,000, but said Salt Lake was checking to see if they were legitimate.

Both he and Johnson were experienced members of the organizing committee and their departures are sure to upset the preparations for the 2002 Games.

Leading IOC officials investigating the affair are expected to report on their findings in the next two weeks. If they can find members guilty of breaking the rules, it would be a huge surprise if there were no resignations.

Salt Lake City could be just the tip of the iceberg after leading IOC chief Marc Hodler claimed last month that agents have been trying to run cash-for-vote deals for a decade.

Money-losing English RFU lays off 30, including manager

TWICKENHAM (AP) – England's Rugby Football Union said Friday it was laying off 30 of its 191 staff members, including manager Roger Uttley, in a drastic cost-cutting move.

Francis Baron, the recently appointed chief executive of the RFU, said a "new management structure" would be put into place beginning tomorrow.

Baron said the RFU had lost £10.3 million in the last two years and was projected to lose £2.3 million this year, up from earlier forecasts of losses of £1.4 million.

"It is essential that the RFU produces a leaner and more effective administration," Baron said.

"This action, unpleasant though it is to those members of staff affected, is long overdue," he added.

"I am determined to put our finances on a sound footing as soon as possible, and the reductions in staffing levels announced today is the start of that process – not the end."

Of the 30 losing their jobs, four are directors, 11 managers and 15 administrative staff. An unspecified number are being given early retirement.

England coach Clive Woodward, who retained his position, said he had spoken to Uttley, his counterpart in running England's rugby side.

"I'd like to personally thank Roger (Uttley) for his significant contribution to the England squad," Woodward said.

"I immediately went to see Roger," he added. "He was obviously disappointed but accepted the decision."

Saved NBA season could be completely different

NEW YORK (Reuters) – What a totally different NBA season this could be.

Not only will it be some 30 games shorter. Not only will it be crammed into more games per week. Not only will the new pay structure favor "middle class" players over the superstars, after the season was saved by a last-minute deal between owners and the locked-out players' union. Much else has changed, too.

Most of the teams will look radically different as 200 free agents – more than half the league – are scrambled in a frenzy of wheeling and dealing ahead of the season's start on February 5.

That leaves clubs a breathtakingly short period of time to study the complicated new rules and make decisions which will shape their futures for years to come – especially since the new rules tend to reinforce continuity and longer contracts.

With the 1999 regular season now a sprint relay rather than an 82-game marathon, the teams most familiar with one another have a head start.

"Veteran teams with depth will have the advantage," says New York Knicks boss David Checketts.

But to the degree that they are older, veteran teams may be less likely to remain competitive through those stretches of three consecutive games or four games in a week. They may be more prone to injury. And injury is more likely to do irreparable harm to a team's season than ever.

Fitness will be a question for everybody.

Union president and New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing, for example, had more time to heal his injured wrist thanks to the six-month lockout, but put on a few pounds while spending time in meetings rather than in training. Now he has three weeks to get back in game shape. He is not the only one.

No one really knows who will have the advantage. "For every reason you give it's an advantage for a young team," says Vancouver Grizzlies coach Brian Hill, "there's an equal reason why it's even more advantageous for an older, veteran team."

"Indiana is the favorite in the East, they have to be," says Checketts. "They've all been together. There's tremendous chemistry and they have been practicing." Most teams have not been practicing as a unit without their coaches during the lockout. Larry Bird's Pacers have.

Like the Pacers, the Utah Jazz are virtually intact from last season, when they won the West for a second year in a row – only to run into Michael Jordan, who single-handedly will be the biggest factor in determining the league's competitive balance when he decides whether to return or retire.

Not even his agent David Falk knows which way the author of six championships this decade is leaning.

His Bulls, with only four players currently under contract, could look like an expansion team if he retires.

But if Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Luc Longley and company return, they could look like defending champions again.

Jordan's decision will be the biggest hinge on which way the season swings. But who knows how some of those other reconfigured teams will turn out under the new, cost-controlling contract? "It puts the small-market teams and all teams on the same financial playing field," said Grizzlies general manager Stu Jackson.

Teams that had brought themselves to the verge of the elite still have a chance, probably a better chance, to capitalize on what they had built. It will be easier to hold teams together now, with the grass on the other side of the fence decidedly less green.

For example, the New Jersey Nets are now the only team who could pay their free agent star Jayson Williams up to $106 million over six years, and next year re-sign rapidly blooming superstar Keith Van Horn at top dollar.

Out West, $120 million Shaquille O'Neal's Los Angeles Lakers also likely will have Kobe Bryant, already an All-Star, for many years to come.

The Minnesota Timberwolves made Kevin Garnett the last of the crazy-bucks young bucks ($126 million) and now have a better chance of signing young point guard Stephon Marbury to a long-term deal. But can they also afford, even under the new rules, to re-sign forward Tom Gugliotta? Along with Chicago, the Houston Rockets and Atlanta Hawks have just four players under contract. The Phoenix Suns and Orlando Magic have five. Four teams have only six. Once the league contract with the union is finalised, about January 18, lots of familiar faces will be showing up in new places.

Another big change, if it happens: owners and players have promised a more "fan-friendly" league. Fans will wait and see.

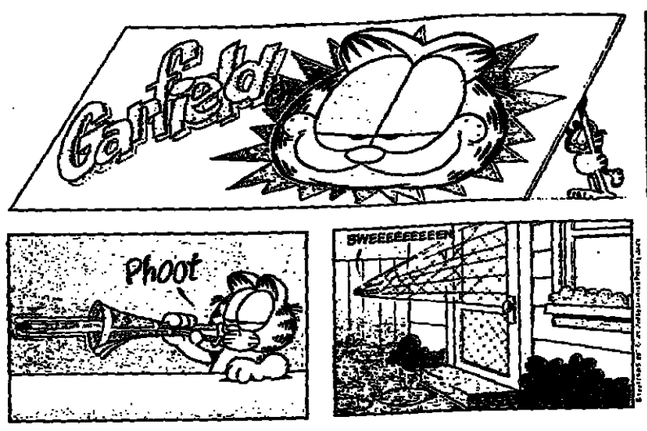
A lot of players appear to have finally realised that the general public resents complaints about the cost of maintaining a fleet of cars and the difficulty of living on a league minimum salary of a quarter of a million dollars above the country's legal minimum wage.

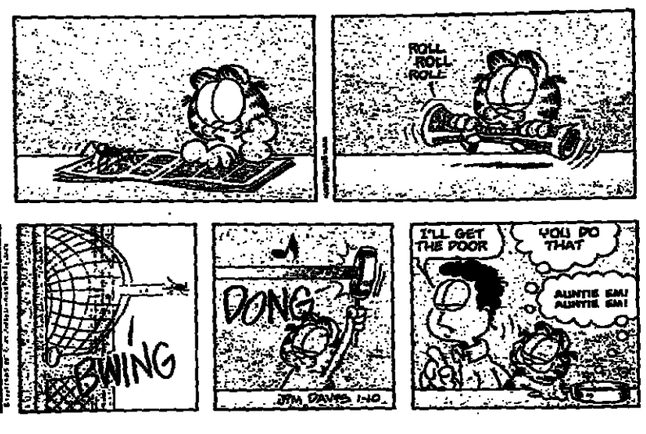
Commissioner David Stern has said the surprising popularity of the WNBA, the female subsidiary of the NBA, has taught the men's league some lessons. But the NBA's millionaire gladiators and billionaire emperors are not necessarily all about to get in touch with their feminine side.

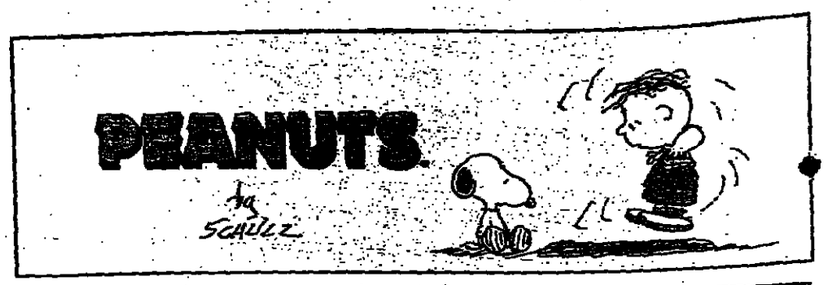
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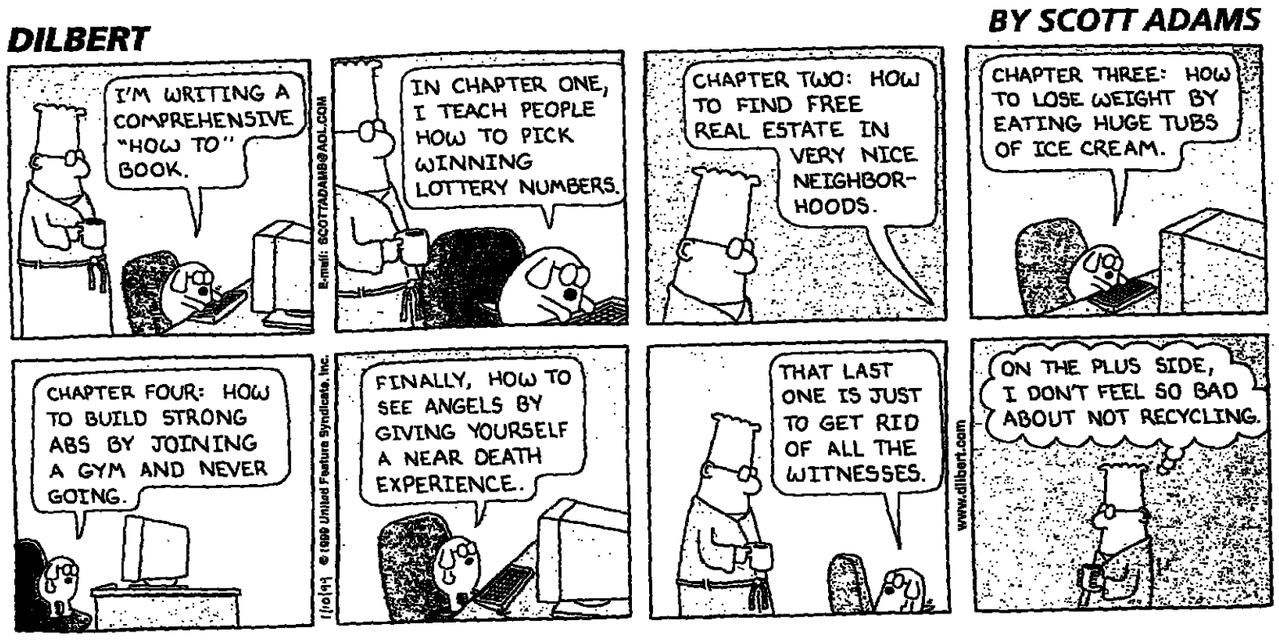






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BY SCOTT ADAMS





Doonesbury flashback

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CATHY

BY CATHY GUISEWITE



Calvin and Hobbes by Watterson



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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Portrait Series of the Israel Chamber Orchestra, edited and narrated by Jonathan Zak continues with a Mozart program conducted by Sidney Harth. The program features his 29th and 39th symphonies, two concert arias with soprano Shosh Lagil and the bassoon concerto with German bassoonist Klaus Thunemann. Tonight and tomorrow at the Tel-Aviv Museum at 8:30 p.m.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL – The idea sounds awful: a comedy about the Holocaust. And yet, against enormous odds, gangly Italian funnyman Roberto Benigni has managed to fashion a film of extraordinary power and sensitivity, a movie that manages to be true both to its dreadful subject matter and to its farcical form. That Benigni is dead serious about his comedy is in part what makes the picture, a fable in two parts, so remarkable. While a lesser joker might feel the need to feign piety when approaching a topic as thorny as this one, Benigni clings tight to what he does best–he makes us laugh–and in that dogged persistence breaks through to another plane altogether, that rare, tender place where wonder and horror meet up. With Benigni and his real-life wife Nicoletta Braschi. (Italian dialogue, Hebrew subtitles only. Parental guidance very strongly advised)

★★★ SLIDING DOORS – As hip London publicist Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow) runs to catch the tube in an early scene of Peter Howitt's movie, her story suddenly splits down the middle, and we find ourselves watching two romantic comedies for the price of one. In an other-worldly instant, Helen fragments into two distinct characters: one just misses her train and the other jumps on as the door slams shut. One Helen goes home to discover her boyfriend (John Lynch) in bed with another woman (Jean Tripplehorne) and the other takes a cab home, just missing the discovery of his betrayal. The film, like the conceit that informs it, is both charming and dangerously slight. Howitt often manages to infuse the action with a breathless sense of fantastical possibility, though the proceedings occasionally threaten to devolve into a mechanical exercise. With the very appealing John Hannah as Helen #2's new flame, a talkative Scot. (Parental guidance suggested)



Gwyneth Paltrow lives alternative futures in 'Sliding Doors.'

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Telemann: Suite in A minor for Flute and Continuo; Brahms: Sonata in E minor for Cello and Piano op 38 (Harnoy / Alde)
7:07 Mendelssohn: String Quartet on E major (Melos Quartet); Mozart: Divertimento no 2 K131
8:05 Mozart: String Quartet no 19 K465 "Dissonant"; Weber: Clarinet Quintet op 34
9:05 Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 6; Bach: Chorale; Mozart: Laudate Domine and Ave Verum; Haydn: Trio in A for Flute, Violin and Cello op 38/5; Mozart: Piano Quartet in E flat K493; Mendelssohn: Symphony no 3 "Scottish" op 56 (IPO / Bernstein); Elgar: Cello Concerto; Saint-Saens: Symphony no 3 op 78 "Organ"
12:00 Light Classical – triple concertos by Bach, Pesch and Beethoven
13:00 Artist of the Week – Mstislav Rostropovich, cello. Bach: Suite no 1 in G; Bach: Suite no 6 in D
14:05 Encore – new recordings of works by Mozart, Gluck, Michael Haydn, Kodaly, Schubert-Liszt and Schubert
16:00 Music for Sunday – Esteves: Christmas Responsories; Bach: Cantata no 187 "Es wartet alles auf dich"; Mozart: Mass in C K167; Dvorak: Te Deum op 103
18:00 New CDs – Part A: Works by Francis Poulenc; Satie: 2 Preludes and Gnossiennes orchestrated by Poulenc
20:05 Beethoven: Piano Sonata op 31/2 "Tempest"; Brahms: Clarinet Quintet op 115; Chopin: Piano Concerto no 2; Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 5; Bartok: Divertimento for Strings
23:00 Sounds to End the Day – Isaac, Schenk and Bostine

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Stack (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Michal Cohen
12:00 Stayin' Alive with Leora Adam
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (till 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Evening Jazz with Deb Arnold
21:00 Soul Talk – rabbinical personalities discuss relevant topics
22:00 West Rock with Michal Cohen
1:00 Late Night Music with The Ice Man
3:00 Late Night with Hack

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 Newsdesk
6:30 Omnibus
7:00 Newsday
7:30 Watershed
8:00 Newsday
8:30 In Praise of God
9:00 World News
9:15 Letter From America
9:30 Agenda
10:00 World News
10:05 The Greenfield Collection
10:35 From Our Own Correspondent
11:00 World News
11:05 Write On
11:20 Composer of the Month
11:50 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Britain Today
12:45 Small Worlds
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 In Praise of God
14:00 World News
14:05 Global Business
14:30 Letter from America
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 World News
16:05 Newstalk
17:00 World News
17:15 Concert Hall
18:00 World News
18:15 Global Wildlife
18:30 My Century
19:00 Newsdesk
19:30 Short Story
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 World News
20:15 Britain Today
20:30 Play of the Week: The Glass Menagerie
21:30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
22:00 Newshour
23:00 World News
23:05 Write On
23:20 Britain Today
23:30 Global Business
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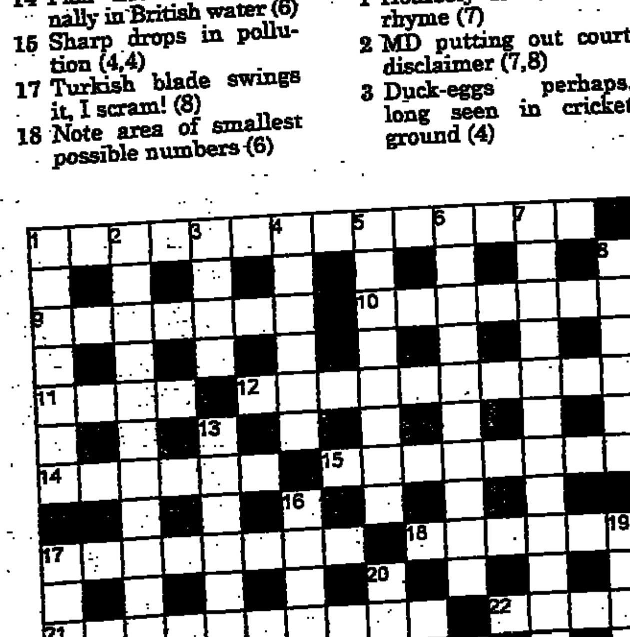
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ACROSS

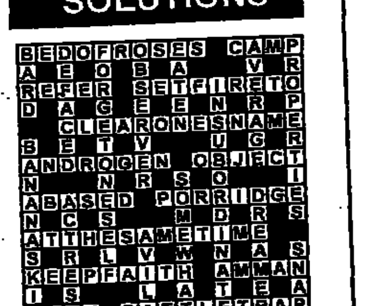
1 Joe outlined arm movement in love play (5,3,6)
9 Social climber at university receives shock (7)
10 A canapé prepared as a cure-all (7)
11 This is not repeated in a concerto (4)
12 Parts of pub serving loaf-sticks? (6,4)
14 Fish not taken originally in British water (6)
15 Sharp drops in pollution (4,4)
17 Turkish blade swings it, I scram! (8)
18 Note area of smallest possible numbers (6)
21 Anticipation of preferred alternative to healing (10)
22 Small coin of Indian nation (4)
24 Girl, given new title, gets first-class return (7)
25 Issue English chap devoured (7)
26 In theory, he is no prankster (9,5)

DOWN

1 Hoarsely loud, caucus rhyme (7)
2 MD putting out court disclaimer (7,8)
3 Duck-eggs perhaps, long seen in cricket ground (4)
4 Central pair leave the swimming race (6)
5 Jack not finishing piano version of *Camellia* (8)
6 Sell iodine extract for protection of bats (7,3)
7 One showing stress at end of sentence (11,4)
8 Standard disciple of parish priest (6)
13 Cooked pies intact, germ free (10)
16 From Parma, it's smoked beef (8)
17 Flexible composer accepts lire (6)
19 No bread for him in his game (7)
20 Ancient old boy putting up wine-shop (6)
23 Had Jerusalem first in mind as destination for pilgrimage (4)



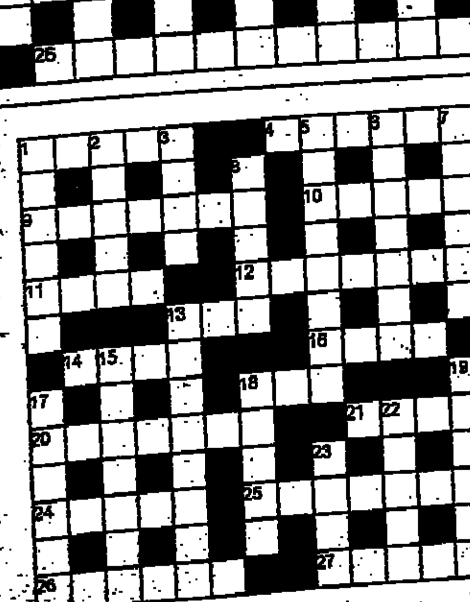
SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 5 First, 8 Addition, 9 Snipe, 10 Maltreat, 11 Accra, 14 Web, 16 Safari, 17 Innate, 18 Gin, 20 Sprat, 24 Assemble, 25 Frail, 26 Infamous, 27 Adorn. DOWN: 1 Naomi, 2 Adult, 3 Stark, 4 Forage, 6 Innocent, 7 Separate, 12 Pampered, 13 Cavalier, 14 Wig, 15 Bin, 19 Insane, 21 Delay, 22 Abhor, 23 Deism.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Male deer (pl.) (5)
4 Ragamuffin (6)
9 Stubborn (7)
10 Property (5)
11 Job (4)
12 Remove (7)
13 Extremity (3)
14 Estimate value of (4)
16 Follow orders (4)
18 Offend (3)
20 Worry or tease (7)
21 Duelling sword (4)
24 Large stove (5)
25 Reticence (7)
26 Detective (6)
27 Begin (5)

DOWN

1 Vigorous, friendly (6)
2 Bellows (5)
3 Kill (4)
5 Response (8)
6 Prisoner (7)
7 Write music (6)
8 Sloping sharply (5)
13 Building divided into flats (8)
15 Put in order (7)
17 Rages (6)
18 Look fixedly (5)
19 Show compassion (6)
22 Hooded jacket (5)
23 Employs (4)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The Wonderful World of Molecules
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Cinema Europe
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 English
12:30 Memorial service for the late education minister Zevulun Hammer on the first anniversary of his death
13:40 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street
15:25 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Heartbreak High
16:15 Eli and Lily
16:30 Garden Party
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Just Love
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 It's Only Sport
20:00 News Headlines
20:10 With Meni
21:00 News
21:30 End of the Orange Season: Against the Wind – part 10 looks at how kibbutznik Shalom Hanoch become a rock idol
22:30 Mosley – part 2
23:30 News
00:00 5 on 50

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Fantastic Four
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Cafe Tel-Ad
9:00 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
10:20 Port Charles
11:10 Maybe This Time
11:35 Lilach
12:35 Harry & the Hendersons
13:00 Sport TV
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Back to the Future
15:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
16:00 The Bold and Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Sister Sister
18:00 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
19:00 Zoom
19:25 Lingo
20:00 News
20:30 Hartzufim
21:00 Starting the Week with Amnon Levy
22:35 Florentine
23:20 Homicide
00:00 News
00:05 Homicide
00:25 King of the Hill
00:50 Outer Limits
1:45 Earth 2 – new sci-fi series
2:35 Song for the [illegible]

■ JORDAN TV [illegible] (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Pink Panther
15:30 Black Foal
16:00 Discovering the World of Animals
16:30 Video Kids
17:00 US Billboard
18:00 Big Secret
19:00 French Journal
19:15 Varied
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Candid Camera
20:00 Africa
20:30 Series
21:10 Renegade
21:30 Behind the Scenes
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries
00:00 Dougie Howser

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

7:30 Religion
12:30 John Austin
13:00 In Touch
14:00 700 Club
14:30 World Christian News
15:00 Blake & Mortimer
15:30 The Bionic Six
15:55 Woody Woodpecker
16:20 Redbeard
16:45 NFL Patriots all access show
17:45 Live English League Soccer – Manchester United vs West Ham
20:15 American Football – NFL Classics
21:15 Live Italian League Soccer – Lazio vs Fiorentina
23:45 Live NFL Playoffs Minnesota vs. Arizona

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:30 Brave Children
17:00 Weekly Column
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 For Women Only
20:30 Telekessef
21:00 News
21:30 Crossfire
22:30 Thief Takers
23:30 Supernatural – Mystical

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Mathematics
16:00 Reading Direction
16:30 Life Stories
16:45 Memorial service for the late education minister Zevulun Hammer on the first anniversary of his death
18:00 English
18:30 Dealing with Dogs
19:00 Wonderful World of Molecules
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Media File
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 The Man Who Knew Too Much (1934) – gripping Hitchcock thriller about a couple who are inadvertently witness to a murder by the Secret Services and are consequently hunted down. With James Stewart and Doris Day
22:15 Women of the World
22:40 Styles (rpt)

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt)
11:15 Forever Little Women (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Forever Little Women
16:45 One Life to Live
[illegible] Frasier
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 The Nanny
20:50 Trivia King (rpt)
21:10 Little Country, Big Man (Hebrew), part 3 – drama by Avraham Heffner. Another terrorist attack in Jerusalem and another widow arrives to claim the body. With Liora Rivlin, Tiki Dayan, Yossi Yadin and James Falkner
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno – the popular and funny NBC talk show finally arrives in Israel
23:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 ER
1:25 Sleepwalkers
1:50 North of 60

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Susie Q (1995) – The ghost of a 1950s teenager seeks help from a boy who moved into her house. With Shelley Long
13:10 A Girl, a Guy and a Gob (1941) – three-cornered romantic slapstick comedy about a shy lawyer, his secretary and a sailor. With Lucille Ball, Edmond O'Brien and George Murphy
14:45 When Innocence is Lost (1997) – a teenage mother decides to go to college, but the father's parents sue for custody claiming she is neglecting the baby. With Jill Clayburgh, Ken Russell and Roberta Maxwell
16:20 Aunt Clara (Hebrew, 1977) – comedy about three Polish sisters who endeavor to find a worthy husband for one sister's daughter. With Hanna Marron, Edna Fliedel and Ruth Segal
18:00 Tecumseh, The Last Warrior (1995) – the true story of an American-Indian tribal leader of the late 18th century who tries to organize resistance to the disinheritance of Indians
19:40 Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls (1995) – Jim Carrey reprises his role as the pet detective in this sequel.
21:10 Sentinel – action drama
22:00 As Good as Dead (1994) – two friends exchange identities so that one can take advantage of the other's medical insurance and have an operation. Then the patient dies and her friend finds herself officially dead. With Crystal Bernard, Traci Lords and Judge Reinhold
23:30 Killing Grounds (1997) – a planeload of hijacked gold crashes in the mountains and hikers who find it plan to keep it. But the surviving gangster has other plans. With Courtney Gaines and Anthony Michael Hall
1:00 Hexed (1993) – a hotel clerk with delusions of grandeur gets into trouble with a mad fashion model. With Claudia Christian
2:35 Under the Hula Moon (1995, 91 mins.) – comedy about the life of a young couple who live in a caravan in the middle of the desert where they dream about getting rich. Their idyll is disturbed by the arrival of an escaped convict. With Stephen Baldwin, Emily Lloyd and Chris Penn.

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Whimsy's House
8:30 The Lulu Show
9:05 Les Miserables
9:30 The Smurfs
10:05 Ninja Turtles
10:30 Following Enchanted Tales
11:00 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:40 Bobby's World
12:05 Dark Journey
12:30 Snorks
13:00 Nils Holgersen
13:30 Simba, the Lion King
14:00 The World's Most Beautiful Tales
14:15 Little Star
14:35 Franklin
15:15 The Smurfs
15:55 Ninja Turtles
16:00 Superman
16:25 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Ace Ventura, Pet Detective
17:30 Shesh-Tus
18:10 Nightman
19:05 Moesha
19:31 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children – Buck meets BB King
20:20 Full House
20:45 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
21:10 Lois and Clark – Lois witnesses the murder of a famous scientist

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Chattahoochee (1989) – an account of a man who had a mental breakdown and wrongfully wound up in a particularly grisly mental institution. With Gary Oldman, Dennis Hopper, Frances McDormand, Pamela Reed and Ned Beatty
23:35 The Divorce of Lady X (1938, 87 mins.) – classic romantic comedy by Tim Whelan. A conservative lawyer is forced to share a hotel room with a mischievous lady and then believes he is the cause of her divorce. With Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier and Ralph Richardson

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University: American Cinema
7:00 Open University: Sociological Imagination
7:30 Open University: Sales Connection
8:00 World Discoveries
8:30 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
9:00 Beyond 2000
9:20 A New World, Saving the Planet (rpt)
9:50 Patience – Gilbert and Sullivan operetta performed by the Australian Opera
12:00 Enas – modern dance by Marcia Haydee to music by Vangelis
12:30 Ice Wall (rpt)
13:25 Arabia: Red Sea Rift (rpt)
14:15 Killing for a Living
15:05 Six Explorers (rpt)
16:00 Okavango Magic – about a river delta oasis in the heart of the Kalahari Desert
17:00 Open University: Century of Cinema
18:15 Open University: Dr. Sally Ride, Pioneer in Space
19:00 Game Park, part 1 – about the management and style of game reserves in Africa
20:00 Survival of the Apes – about the the cruel killing of the great apes in Cameroon
21:00 Killing for a Living: Cold-Blooded Killers
21:50 Six Explorers: Spunky Monkey
22:40 Game Park (see 19:00)
23:35 Open University: Principles of Accounting
00:10 Open University: Aquanauts' Guide to Oceans
00:55 Open University: Interactions in Science
1:35 Game Park (rpt)
2:30 Survival of the Apes

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Mind Your Language
7:00 Xena
8:00 Hercules
9:00 LA Heat
10:00 Walker, Texas Ranger
11:00 Tropical Heat
12:00 WWF Superstars
13:00 The Simpsons
14:00 Asia News Sunday
14:30 Third Rock From the Sun
15:00 Millennium
16:00 The X-Files
17:00 Cops
17:30 Code 3
18:00 Asia News Sunday
18:30 Third Rock From the Sun
19:00 Millennium
20:00 The X-Files
21:00 Tropical Heat
22:00 Baywatch Nights
23:00 Cops
23:30 Code 3
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (17/19)

6:00 In Search of Lawrence (rpt)
7:00 CNBC – business and finance news and reports
13:00 Tiger's Eye (rpt)
13:30 Spell of the Tiger
14:00 Desperately Seeking Sanctuary
15:00 Tale of the Crayfish (rpt)
16:00 Extreme Earth: Landslide (rpt)
16:30 Extreme Earth: Beating the Blizzard (rpt)
17:00 Monkeys of Hanuman (rpt)
18:00 Deep into the Labyrinth (rpt)
18:30 Birdnesters of Thailand (rpt)
19:00 In Search of Lawrence (rpt)
20:00 Amazonia: Pantanal – journey through Brazil's marshlands
21:00 Amazonia: The Invisible People – the Tagaeri tribe of Ecuador and their struggle to gain legal land rights
22:00 Amazonia: Amazon Bronze – the work of sculptor Felipe Letterstan who casts life-size statues of vanishing Indian tribes
22:30 Amazonia: The Generous River
23:00 The Ornate Caves of Borneo
00:00 The Monkey Player – an Indian entertainer and his trained monkeys
00:30 Seven Secret Worlds: the Living Laboratory – how plants evolved in a world of biological warfare
1:00 Explorer: Ep 04 – magazine on anthropology and archeology
2:00 Amazonia: Pantanal

■ BBC WORLD (13/14) (unconfirmed)

News on the hour
6:30 This Week
7:30 India Business Report
8:30 The Big Catch (rpt)
9:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
10:30 This Week (rpt)
11:05 At the Sharp End of the Knife (rpt)
12:30 The Net (rpt)
13:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
14:05 Timewatch (rpt)
15:10 Dateline London
16:30 Top Gear (rpt)
17:05 Horizon (rpt)
18:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
19:30 The Net (rpt)
20:05 At the Sharp End of the Knife (rpt)
21:30 Simpson's World
22:05 Timewatch (rpt)
23:30 Earth Report (rpt)
00:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
01:30 Reporters (rpt)
2:30 Top Gear (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:30 Evans, Novak, Hunt and Shields
7:30 Global View
8:00 World Business This Week
9:30 World Sport
10:30 World Beat
11:30 The Artclub (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 Earth Matters
14:30 Science and Technology
15:00 World Report
16:30 Inside Europe
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Showbusiness This Weekend
19:00 Late Edition
20:30 Business Unusual
21:00 Inside Europe
22:30 Pinnacle Europe
23:30 Best of Insight
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Style with Elsa Klensch
2:00 The World Today
2:30 World Beat

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 Global Village
7:30 Showbiz Weekly
8:00 Sunrise
11:30 Business Week
12:00 Sunday with Adam Boulton
13:30 The Book Show
15:30 Fashion TV
16:30 Showbiz Weekly
17:30 Week in Review
18:30 Sunday with Adam Boulton
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 The Book Show
23:30 Showbiz Weekly
00:00 Prime Time
1:30 Week in Review
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 College Basketball
18:00 English League Soccer
19:30 Sports News
20:00 National League Soccer (rpt)
20:45 Five In the Air – Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Maccabi Ra'anana
22:30 Spanish League Soccer – Celta Vigo vs Tenerife

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Rally
10:00 Live Cross-Country Skiing
11:00 Live Biathlon
12:30 Live Cross-Country Skiing
13:00 Alpine Skiing
14:00 Live Biathlon
15:30 Live Ski Jumping
16:45 Alpine Skiing
17:30 Biathlon
19:00 Live Tennis
21:00 Car On Ice
21:30 Fishing
23:00 Rally
00:00 News
00:15 Speed Skating
1:15 Ski Jumping
2:00 Rally

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	It's Only Sport	Lingo	Melrose Place	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls	Family Matters / Married with Children	Survival of the Apes
20:00	News With Meni	News	The Nanny		Full House / Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
20:30		Hartzufim	Trivia King			
21:00	News	Starting the Week with Amnon Levy	Little Country, Big Man	Sentinel	Lois and Clark	Killing for a Living
21:30	End of the Orange Season					Six Explorers: Spunkey Monkey
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	As Good as Dead	Chattahoochee	
22:30	Mosley	Florentine	Seinfeld			Game Park
23:00			The Tonight Show with Jay Leno			

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JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Twilight 5 • The Man of the Wall 7 • Temptress Moon–Epido Re 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Central Station–Practical Magic–The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ–Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator–Ronin 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 4:45, 7:15 • The Big Lebowski 10 • **JERUSALEM THEATER** Washington Square 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 7 • Central Station 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot There's Something About Mary–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 ANTZ 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Happiness 9:30 • Girls Night 5:30, 7:30

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DIZENGOFF Central Station 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 5:30, 7:45, 10 **GAT** ☎ 6967888 Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 Ronin 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Twilight 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic–ANTZ 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Under Heaven 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 **G.G. HOD 1–4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Ronin–The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Dangerous Sex 2 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Happiness 1, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Girls' Night 12 noon, 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 12 noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 2:30, 9:45 • Sweet Hereafter 1:15 • Welcome to the Doll House 12:30, 5:15 • Funny Games Sat. 4:45 **LEV AVIV** ☎ 6417148 Girls Night–Hana-Bi 7:30, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 7:30, 10 • Nights of Cabiria 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • Hana-Bi 7:30, 9:45 • A Price Above Rubies 7:30 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6 • In the Realm of the Senses 8 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎ 5442141 Under Heaven–Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show–ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator F4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Rounders 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54–Snake Eyes 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Holy Man 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Mighty– There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Tango–Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Claire Dolan 5, 8, 10

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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 Sliding Doors 7:15, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** ☎8383424 Shall We Dance 7 • 1948 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Washington Square 7:15, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Practical Magic–Ronin 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show–ANTZ 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 4:45, 7:15 • Under Heaven 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Central Station–Practical Magic 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Holy Man–There's Something About Mary 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Wrongfully Accused 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Rounders 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Rounders 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Life is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • The Mighty 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Holy Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Life is Beautiful–The Mighty 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Ever After 4:45, 7, 9:30

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STAR ☎9950904 The Big Lebowski 7:30, 9:45 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Negotiator 5, 7:30, 10

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G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Practical Magic–Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:30 • The Truman Show 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Holy Man–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary–Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45

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G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Practical Magic–Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ–Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Enemy of the State 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45

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G.G. ORI ☎6103111 Ronin–Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Practical Magic 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful–The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45

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HADERA
LEV ☎6343555 Enemy of the State– The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 There's Something About Mary 5:30, 7:30, 10 • Life is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Girls Night 7:15, 9:30 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Enemy of the State–There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 10 • ANTZ 7:30

HOD HASHARON
GIL ☎ 7408591 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic 10 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10

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KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 There's Something About Mary 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7:15, 9:30

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Central Station 5, 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Ronin–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
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KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors–The Negotiator 4:30, 7, 9:30

NAHARIYA
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G.G GIL ☎6561332 Enemy of the State–The Negotiator 4:15, 7, 10 • Gentile–Rounders 4:30, 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary–Sliding Doors–Practical Magic 4:30, 7, 9:30

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 Practical Magic–Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 5

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Practical Magic–Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • Washington Square 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Mighty–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45

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RAV CHEN ☎ 6262758 Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary–Life is Beautiful 7, 9:30 **OR YEHUDA G.G. GIL 1-4** ☎ 5333292 Gentile–The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man–Dangerous Sex 2 5, 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. GIL 1-6 ☎ 9087989 Central Station–Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ–There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:30 **G.G. HECHAL** ☎ 9317374 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10

RA'ANANA
PARK ☎ 7711321 Ronin 5, 7:30, 10:15 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Small Soldiers 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 10:15 **RA'ANAN** Practical Magic–The Negotiator 5, 7:30, 10:15 • ANTZ–Enemy of the State 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Mighty 7:30, 10:15

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 ANTZ 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life is Beautiful–Rounders 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Ronin 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 9:45 •

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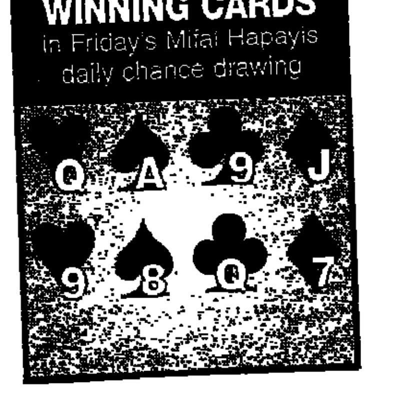
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RISHON LEZION
GIL 1-3 ☎ 9500785 Practical Magic–Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 **HAZAHAV** ☎ 9514968 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic–Ronin–ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670504 Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Mighty–Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 **STAR** ☎ 9619985 There's Something About Mary 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski–The Truman Show 7:30, 10 • Studio 54 10 • Ever After 7:30

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Your Gateway to the world

Chelsea beat Newcastle to go top

LONDON (Reuters) – Chelsea regained top spot in the English premier league yesterday with a hard-earned 1-0 victory at Newcastle United.

The rest of the day's results also went Chelsea's way as morning leaders Aston Villa struggled to a goalless draw at Middlesbrough, Arsenal were held 0-0 at home by Liverpool and Leeds United lost 1-0 at Blackburn Rovers despite the hosts playing with 10 men for more than an hour.

Chelsea now lead on goal difference from Villa, both on 40 points, four clear of Arsenal and five ahead of Manchester United, who host West Ham United today.

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Chelsea player manager Gianluca Vialli (left) baffles Newcastle's Aaron Hughes with his ball control in yesterday's premiership match at St. James Park. (Reuters)

Chelsea's game at Newcastle saw Gianluca Vialli come face to face with his mentor, former Chelsea boss Ruud Gullit.

And the Dutchman would have been the happier man early on as his side laid siege to the Chelsea goal.

Newcastle had two efforts cleared off the line and Gary Speed thumped a shot against the bar, only for Chelsea to strike on the break when Dan Petrescu was left unmarked to score from close in in the 39th minute.

Both teams continued to look for goals but Chelsea took the points to complete a club record 20 games without defeat – a run dating back to the second game of the season.

"It's a great feeling to get three points and be top of the table, it was another exciting win," said Vialli.

"We didn't start very well but Ed de Goey produced a couple of great saves but after that we were in control." Vialli played down the comparisons between himself and Gullit, saying too much was said about individuals.

"It wasn't Ruud Gullit v. Vialli but Newcastle v. Chelsea," said the Italian, who took over from the Dutchman at Stamford Bridge last February.

"The players knew that and approached the game in the right way and I have to say thank you not because we beat our past and Ruud Gullit but because we got three points and are top of league."

Despite the defeat, Gullit said he was pleased with his team's effort. "You have to score but I think our players did very well," he said.

"I know how much quality there is in the Chelsea team and that comes out at difficult moments. They have to go for the title. If they don't win it, it might be a lost season."

Villa, who were dislodged from the top by Chelsea for two days at Christmas, gave way again after failing to seriously threaten Middlesbrough.

Leeds also lost ground thanks to defeat at resurgent Blackburn.

Keith Gillespie put Blackburn ahead in the 22nd minute but two minutes later had captain Tim Sherwood sent off for the second time this season.

Leeds went on the attack from then on, going close on several occasions, but Blackburn held out to edge closer to safety.

At the other end of the table things are already looking ominous for pre-season relegation favourites Nottingham Forest and Charlton Athletic, both of whom lost again.

Forest, who sacked manager Dave Bassett in midweek, stretched their unwanted run of league games without a win to 18 games as they were thumped 4-0 by Coventry City, thanks in part to a Darren Huckerby hat-trick.

Charlton lost their ninth successive game as another mistake by troubled goalkeeper Sasa Ilic contributed to a 3-1 defeat at Southampton, who climbed above the Londoners into 18th place in the 20-team league.

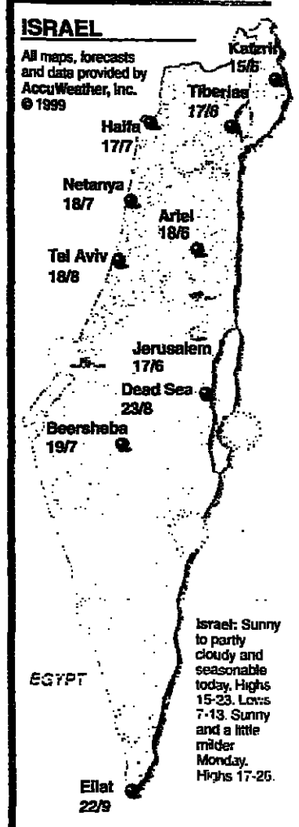
In the day's other games, on-song Wimbledon beat Derby County 2-1 to move up to sixth, Everton produced their seventh goalless home draw of the season against Leicester City and Sheffield Wednesday against Tottenham Hotspur also finished goalless.

THE WEATHER

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Israel: Sunny to partly cloudy and seasonable today. Highs 15-23. Lows 7-13. Sunny and a little milder Monday. Highs 17-25.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Monday High C/F	Monday Low/W C/F
Ariel	18/64	6/43/s	20/68	7/44/s
Beersheba	19/66	7/44/s	22/71	9/48/s
Dead Sea	23/73	9/48/s	26/79	11/52/s
Eilat	22/71	9/48/s	25/77	10/50/s
Haifa	17/62	7/44/s	18/64	9/48/s
Jerusalem	17/62	6/43/s	19/66	7/44/s
Katzrin	15/59	5/41/s	17/62	6/43/s
Netanya	18/64	7/44/s	19/66	9/48/s
Tel Aviv	18/64	8/48/s	19/69	9/48/s
Tiberias	17/62	6/43/s	19/66	7/44/s

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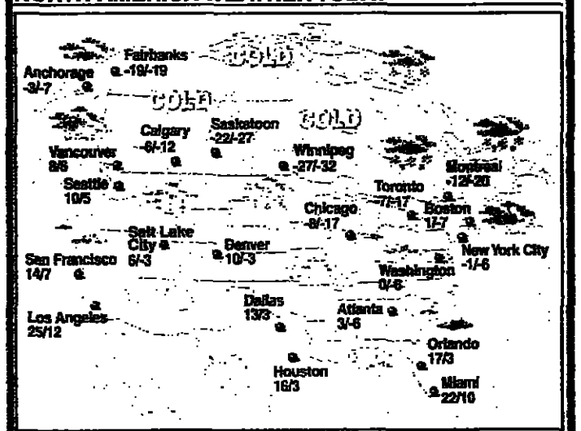
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Brussels	-1/31	-5/24/pc	-1/31	-5/24/pc
Cairo	19/66	9/48/s	22/71	11/52/s
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Mexico City	19/66	4/39/pc	20/68	7/44/sh
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Paris	-3/27	-7/20/pc	-2/29	-7/20/c
Prague	-3/27	-8/18/c	-3/27	-6/22/sn
Rio de Janeiro	28/82	21/70/pc	27/80	22/71/pc
Rome	10/50	9/48/r	9/48	1/34/r
Sydney	25/77	19/66/c	29/84	23/73/s
Tokyo	6/43	1/34/s	6/43	0/32/s
Toronto	-7/20	-17/2/sn	-13/9	-13/9/pc
Vienna	2/35	-4/25/c	-1/31	-2/29/sn
Warsaw	-4/25	-9/18/c	-3/27	-5/24/pc
Washington	0/32	-8/22/pc	1/34	-5/24/pc

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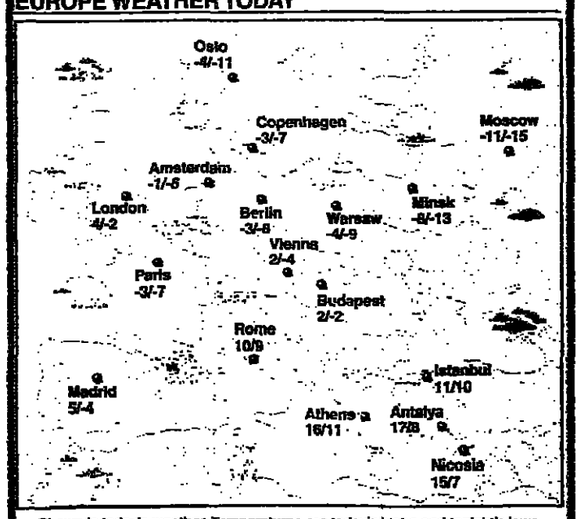
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May tells of twin bribe approaches

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – Former Australia player Tim May said at a travelling Pakistani judicial inquiry yesterday that he had twice been offered and rejected large sums of money by then Pakistan captain Salim Malik to throw cricket matches.

Former Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chairman Alan Crompton also denied claims at the inquiry that the ACB had covered up its decision to fine star players Shane Warne and Mark Waugh for accepting money from an Indian bookmaker.

The corruption controversy began when Warne, Waugh and the now-retired May accused Malik in 1995 of offering them bribes to play poorly in Australia's subcontinent tour a year earlier.

Malik has always rejected the bribery allegations.

May read to the inquiry a statutory declaration he made in April 1995 about the alleged approaches, both of which he said were relayed to him by Warne.

He said under cross-examination that he was told by Warne that the second offer of $200,000 was to have been shared by May, Warne, Mark Waugh and his twin brother, Steve.

"Shane Warne informed me that the offer was made to four people," May said in response to questions from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) counsel Ali Sibtain Fazli.

Crompton later rejected repeated questions from counsel for the PCB and Malik that the ACB had tried to cover up its actions in fining Warne and Mark Waugh.

Mark Waugh and Warne were fined A$10,000 ($6,300) and A$8,000 respectively for giving pitch and weather information to an Indian bookmaker known as John.

Mike Holmgren named coach/GM of Seahawks

SEATTLE (Reuters) – Mike Holmgren on Friday obtained the total control of a football operation he was looking for, as he stepped down as coach of the Green Bay Packers to take over as coach and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks.

Terms were not disclosed, but ESPN reported that Holmgren agreed to an eight-year, $40 million deal.

"Professionally, I wanted to extend myself, so that was the number one thing," Holmgren said at a news conference. "The second thing was commitment from the organisation to give the coach a chance to win, a chance to make it to the Super Bowl."

Green Bay's season ended with a heartbreaking 30-27 loss to the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC wild card round last Sunday as Steve Young's 25-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Owens with three seconds left lifted the 49ers to victory.



Mike Holmgren (Reuters)

The 50-year-old Holmgren had one year left on his contract with the Packers, but had a window that allowed him to explore opportunities in a dual role with another NFL team. His job now is to end a 10-year postseason drought for the *Seahawks* – the longest current streak in the NFL.

Holmgren, who steered the Packers to the Super Bowl title two years ago, takes over as Seattle head coach for Dennis Erickson, who compiled a 31-33 record over four seasons and had one year remaining on his contract.

He also supplants Randy Mueller, director of player personnel since June 1995.

Holmgren put his name alongside Green Bay's legendary coach Vince Lombardi when he guided the Packers to their first NFL title in 29 years – a 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI in January 1997.

The Packers returned to the Super Bowl last January, but were beaten by the Broncos 31-24.

Johansson: Blatter's World Cup ideas are a nonsense

BONN (Reuters) – UEFA president Lennart Johansson has called Sepp Blatter's plan to stage the World Cup finals every two years "a nonsense." Speaking in an interview to be published in tomorrow's edition of the news magazine *Der Spiegel*, the Swede again attacked the man who beat him in the race last year for the FIFA presidency.

"That is nonsense," he said of Blatter's proposal. "We shouldn't willingly devalue the biggest sporting event in the world and degrade the World Cup like in ice hockey where they stage it every year and few people watch it. We can't be so greedy." He feared that the standard of teams taking part in the World Cup would change if the tournament was biennial as "you would never know if an "A" team or a "B" team is playing."

Johansson added: "It could happen that we have a World Cup where every second tournament is played without European teams.

Think how awful that would be." Europe provided six of the eight quarter-finalists in last year's World Cup and seven in 1994.

The European football chief said he was not threatening to withdraw UEFA from the international football federation, but he could envisage a scenario developing that he did not want to see. "I have to represent those who elected me – the Europeans," he said.

Blatter should not act in a dictatorial manner over the World Cup, Johansson said. "A president has to listen, to follow the opinion of the majority and then show leadership. He cannot be a dictator."

Falcons overcome 49ers 20-18

ATLANTA (AP) – Jamal Anderson scored two touchdowns, Atlanta intercepted three passes and the Falcons overcame a questionable referee's call to beat the San Francisco 49ers 20-18 in a stirring National Football League divisional playoff yesterday.

Astonishingly, the Falcons – a team that has only eight winning seasons in 33 years of its American pro gridiron existence – are one victory away from their first Super Bowl appearance. They advance to their first NFC championship game next weekend to meet either Minnesota or Arizona, who are set to play today.

With coach Dan Reeves back on the sideline for the first time since heart bypass surgery December 14, the Falcons built a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter, but allowed San Francisco to score late and then made a mistake to give the 49ers a chance to win.

San Francisco quarterback Steve Young scored on an 8-yard run with 2:57 remaining, and the 49ers converted a two-point conversion after botching the snap on the point after touchdown.

Anderson ran for one first down, but then squandered a chance to nearly run out the clock by inexplicably running out of bounds with 49 seconds left.

San Francisco got the ball back on its own 4 with 33 seconds left and no timeouts. Young threw a 23-yard pass to Chuck Levy, but William White intercepted a pass on the final play of the game to end San Francisco's chances.

"It's unbelievable. The whole year has been incredible," Reeves said. "To get to this point is beyond our wildest dreams."

San Francisco lost running back Garrison Heart on the first play of the game, breaking a bone when his left leg buckled under him.

Anderson carried 29 times for 113 yards for the Falcons, including touchdown runs of 2 and 34 yards that gave the Falcons a 14-0 lead in the first half.

Still, the 49ers made a game of it, once again benefiting from an official's call just as they did the week before in their last-second, wild-card victory over Green Bay.

Late in the first half, Kirby dropped a lateral pass from Young, and in the scramble on the Georgia Dome turf for the fumble, the ball popped up in the air. Defensive end Chuck Smith grabbed the ball and returned it for an apparent touchdown which would have given the Falcons a 21-0 lead.

Instead, line judge Ron Baynes ruled that Kirby briefly gained possession of the ball and his knee was down when touched by Atlanta linebacker Henri Crockett.

Mac. TA hammer Rishon 8-1 in Toto Cup

By DEREK FATTAL

Maccabi Tel Aviv made sure of their progression into the knock-out stage of the Toto Cup over the weekend by slamming in eight goals away to Ironi Rishon Lezion in the fourth round of group play.

The Tel Avivians were in tigrish form with Ofer Hayim leading the onslaught on Rishon's bewildered defense by snatching a hat trick. Guy Tsarfati put on a fine supporting act, scoring twice as Maccabi ended 8-1 victors in this group B fixture.

In the same group Bnei Yehuda proved too strong for neighbors Hapoel Tel Aviv, getting the better of Eli Cohen's men with a 2-0 win. The Hatikva Quarter side prevailed despite having to play the match in Ness Ziona following the punishment meted out by the Israel Football Association as a result of the unruly behavior shown by the club's players and officials in their recent league meeting against Maccabi Tel Aviv.

The shock of the weekend came with Hapoel Beit She'an's 2-1 home victory over Betar Jerusalem. Sergei Culakovic opened the scoring for the hosts. A missed penalty by Stefan Salloi ended up costing the Jerusalemites dearly as Eitan Tayeb hit in the winning goal.

After Itzik Kornfein managed to block Tayeb's penalty, Tayeb managed to find the net on the rebound.

In the same group Hapoel Petah Tikva triumphed in their derby meeting against Maccabi Petah Tikva thanks to a 65th-minute winner from Walid Badir. Over 4,000 spectators turned up for the game.

There were away wins in both group C fixtures, with Hapoel Haifa edging past Maccabi Jaffa 2-1, while Hapoel Kfar Sava got the better of Hapoel Jerusalem with a 2-0 victory.

In group D, Shlomi Dahan put Zafririm Holon ahead against Maccabi Haifa only to witness Avishai Janno rescue the Haifaites with an equalizer three minutes from the end.

Maccabi Herzliya came back from behind to beat Ironi Ashdod 3-1 away from home.

The first half of the Second Division campaign came to a close over the weekend. Hapoel Beersheba floundered away at Hapoel Ashkelon, losing 2-0 yesterday, while Maccabi Netanya secured top spot with a 1-0 home victory over Hapoel Lod. Hakoah Ramat Gan hold second place thanks to a 2-0 away win over Ahi Nazareth.

Second Division league play resumes at the end of the month.

Toto Cup fourth round: Hapoel Beit She'an 2, Betar Jerusalem 1; Maccabi Petah Tikva 0, Hapoel Petah Tikva 1; Ironi Rishon Lezion 1, Maccabi Tel Aviv 8; Bnei Yehuda 2, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0; Maccabi Jaffa 1, Hapoel Haifa 2; Hapoel Jerusalem 0, Hapoel Kfar Sava 2; Zafririm Holon 1, Maccabi Haifa 1; Ironi Ashdod 1, Maccabi Herzliya 3.

Second Division: Maccabi Kiryat Gat 1, Hapoel Ashdod 1; Hapoel Ashkelon 2, Hapoel Beersheba 0; Ahi Nazareth 0, Hakoah Ramat Gan 2; Hapoel Bat Yam 2, Bnei Sakhnin 2; Maccabi Acre 2, Hapoel Taiba 0; Maccabi Kafr Kana 0, Betar Tel Aviv 1; Maccabi Netanya 1, Hapoel Lod 0; Betar Beersheba 2, Ness Ziona 0.

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maccabi Netanya	15	10	4	1	23	9	34
Hakoah Ramat Gan	15	9	5	1	36	12	32
Hapoel Beersheba	15	9	4	2	23	5	31
Hapoel Ashkelon	15	9	2	4	32	18	29
Betar Beersheba	15	9	0	6	23	14	27
Maccabi Acre	15	8	2	5	24	18	26
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	15	7	4	4	19	16	25
Bnei Sakhnin	15	6	3	6	24	18	21
Hapoel Ashdod	15	4	7	4	14	19	19
Betar Tel Aviv	15	5	2	8	10	20	17
Ahi Nazareth	15	4	4	7	12	17	16
Hapoel Lod	15	3	5	7	17	25	14
Hapoel Bat Yam	15	3	4	8	20	30	13
Maccabi Kafr Kana	15	3	3	9	11	22	12
Ness Ziona*	15	5	1	9	22	36	10
Hapoel Taiba	15	1	0	14	10	41	3

* – 6 points deducted for misconduct

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Toto Plus: X,1,2,X,X,1,2,1,X,2,1,1,1,1.
Toto Take: 5, 7, 12, 13, 19, 26, 30.